#### Iraqi diplomat killed in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Unidentified gummen Monday shot dead an Iraqi diplomat near his embassy in an East Beirut suburb, Beirut Radio reported. Third secretary Ali Hahem Sultan was the latest victim of violence against diplomatic missions in Lebanon. The gunmen fled after firing at Mr. Sultan about 500 metres from Iraq's new embassy at Hazmiyeh. The former embassy building in West Beirut was wrecked by an explosion last December and about 60 people, including the ambassador, were killed.



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AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Monday cabled Pakistani President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq congratulating him on Pakistan's national day. The King expressed his hope that relations between Jordan and Pakistan would be consolidated for the benefit of the two peoples. He also wished success to the Pakistani president and further prosperity to the Pakistani people.

#### Queen to patronise seminar today

AMMAN (Petra) - Under the natronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, a seminar on the working mother will begin on Tuesday afternoon at the Amman Chamber of Industry in cooperation between the Ministry of Social Development and the Club of Working Women in Amman. The seminar is organised on the occasion of Mother's Day.

#### Iraqi trade team due here today

AMMAN (Petra) - An Iraqi trade delegation, led by Commerce Ministry Under-Secretary Hatim Abdul Rashid, arrives here Tuesday for a four-day visit to Jordan at the invitation of the Amman Chamber of Industry. During its stay in Jordan, the delegation will have talks with Industry and Trade Minister Walid Asfour and officials at the Amman chambers of industry and trade on the facilities related to trade between the two countries.

#### **Qaddouri** leaves for Tunis meeting

AMMAN (Petra) - Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Secretary-General Fakhri Qaddouri left Amman for Tunis Monday to participate in meetings of the councils 37th ordinary session, rh will begin at Arab League beadquarters on Wednesday. During his stay in Tunis, Dr. Qaddouri will have talks with Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi on cooperation between the CAEU general secretariat and the Arab League in preparation for meetings of a committee coordinating work between the Arab League and its specialised agencies to be held in Tunis at the end of May.

#### Israeli jets fly over Beirut

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BEIRUT (A.P.) — High-flying Israeli jets flew over Beirut Monday, drawing a barrage of antiaircraft fire from Palestinian commando positions around the Lebanese capital, a police spokesman here reported. The spokesman, who declined to be named in keeping with Lebanese government regulations said the pair of jets were evidently on a reconnaissance mission because they made no bombing runs near Beirut or in southern Lebanon. The PLO and Lebanon's state radio also reported Monday that Israeli gunboats violated Lebanese territorial waters opposite the southern port cities of Sidon and Tyre Sunday and were fired upon by commando coastal guns. The boats did not return the fire. according to the broadcast.

#### U.S. renews 'concern'

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States Monday expressed profound concern over clashes in the Israeli-occupied West Bank in which Arab teenagers were shot dead and others injured when Israeli troops opened fire. State Department Spokesman Dean Fischer called for efforts to calm the situation, which officials here regard as serious. In an apparent criticism of the Israeli action against Arab demonstrators over the weekend, he expressed particular concern about the use of "lethal" force. "We are following the increased confrontation and violence on the West Bank with profound concern," Mr. Fischer said. "We deeply regret the bloodshed that has occurred, particularly the tra-gic loss of life. We hope that all those in a position to do so will exert their best efforts to calm the

### Amman rallies to back Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — A huge popular rally was held at the Palace of Culture at the Hussein Youth City on Monday to express support of His Majesty King Hussein's stand in support of Iraq's just war aga-

The rally condemned the Iranian regime's stance, "which is hostile to the Arab Nation and mankind, and which still rejects Iraq's responsible initiative to stop the war." It also condemned the Arab rulers "who have allied themselves with the Iranian regime and turned their backs on their

The rally also extended backing for "our steadfast kinsmen and strugglers in the occupied West Bank and the Golan Heights," and denounced the Israelisponsored Village Leagues.

The participants in the rally issued a statement expressing appreciation of all the Arab leaders who have defined their position and declared their commitment to the pan-Arab stand in supporting Iraq. The statement called on the Arab leaders, who are still indifferent vis-a-vis the Iraqi-Iranian war, "to expedite the adoption of a healthy national stand in supporting Iraq's just war."

The statement condemned, "in the name of the Arab people of Jordan, every Arab ruler, individual or grouping which supported the Persian enemy in words or deeds" and held them responsible for the consequences of taking such position. It also urged them to review their stance.

The statement called on the Arab people throughout the Arab countries to enhance their participation in Iraq's battle by volunteering in the all-volunteer Yarmouk Force and alongside the Iraqi forces until victory is achand waterways are regained, and the "Persian enemy is deterred from interfering in the internal affairs of other countries."

It declared that the battle taking place between the Arab Nation on the one hand and the "Zionist and Persian enemies on the other is inseparable in its characteristics. objectives and results."

The statement condemned Persian racism, which is an ally of Zionism and imperialism, in fighting the aspirations of the Iranian peoples." it called on the world public to "defend the squandered human rights in Iran and to assist the Iranians who are struggling and making enormous sacrifices to topple the regime of ignorance,

backwardness and viciousness." The rally decided to form three committees--an information committee to support the Iraqi people's struggle, a follow-up committee to collect contributions to the Yarmouk Force, and a committee to encourage con-tinued volunteering in the Yarmouk Force in response to the call

made by King Hussein. Speakers at the rally included Chief Islamic Justice Ibrahim Al Qattan, Interior Minister Suleiman Arar, Amman Mayor Isam Ailouni, Mr. Emile Al Ghouri, Dr. Rif at Odeh, Mr. Ahmad Al Khalil, Dr. Ali Muhafizeh, and Mrs. Haifa Al Bashir.

An Israeli soldier kicks away barrel as tyres burn in the streets of Ramallah, during continued Palestinian protests against Israeli occupation and measures (A.P. wirephoto)

### Jordan-PLO committee meets today to discuss situation in West Bank

By Samira Kawar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordanian-Palestinian Joint Committee for the Support of the Steadfastness of the Inhabitants of the Occupied Territories will meet Tuesday morning to discuss the mass uprising in the occupied territories.

The Jordanian side will be headed by Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim; and the Palestinian side by Hamid Abu Sittah, a (Palestine Liberation Organisation) PLO Executive Committee member who heads the organisation's Department for Occupied Territories Affairs. The meeting will also be attended on the Palestinian side by Khalil Al Wazir, a chief military aide to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, and a number of PLO off-

Mr. Abu Sittah, who arrived in Amman from Beirut Monday afternoon to attend Tuesday's meeting, told the Jordan Times that discussions during the meeting will centre on "the heroic uprising of our people in the occupied lands" in the wake of the Israeli dismissal of Al-Bireh mayor and Municipal Council.

Referring to the possibility of the resignation of some West Bank municipal councils to protest the Israeli move, Mr. Abu Sittah emphasised that "Our people will not be content unless they achieve victory or martyrdom." He added that the West Bank mayors, who were "armed with the trust of the people who elected them." would not even consider tendering their resignations because Israel would not be deterred by such an

"Both the people of the occupied lands and their mayors realise that steadfastness and active resistance against the occupation is the way to check Israeli repressive practices. Israel has deliberately been fuelling false rumours regarding the possible resignation of some West Bank mayors, particularly Ramallah mayor Karim Khalaf, in an attempt to provoke such resignations," Mr. Abu Sittah said.

The PLO, through Arab countries, had called for a U.N. Security Council meeting to discuss "the repressive Israeli measures against the people in the occupied Arab lands," Mr. Abu Sittah said. Contacts and preparations in New York are currently underway to call the Security Council to meet within the next few days, he

### Arabs are calling for U.N. meeting

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The Arab group at the United Nations said Monday it was calling for an emergency meeting of the Security Council on the situation in the occupied West Bank, where two youths have been killed in clashes between Palestinians and Israeli troops.

Ambassador Hazem Nuseibeh of Jordan, the current chairman of the group, said he expected to submit the request formally later Monday to council President Jeane Kirkpatrick of the United

Mr. Nuseibeh told a press conference he did not know how soon

Perez de Cuellar

expresses concern

UNITED NATIONS (R) -

Secretary-General Javier Perez de

Cuellar expressed concern Mon-

day at the latest clashes on the

West Bank between Israeli troops

and Palestinians and called on all

concerned to exercise restraint. A

statement issued through a spo-

kesman said: "The secretary-

general is deeply disturbed at the

current developments and vio-

lence in the West Bank, at the cas-

ualties that have occurred in the

clashes between Israeli soldiers

and Palestinians and the loss of life

among the Palestinians.

Mubarak aide in Israel

the council would meet. It is already expected to meet this week to deal with Nicaraguan allegations that the United States is planning to invade its territory. The Jordanian envoy, who is the

only Arab member of the council, said that body might decide to hold alternate meetings on the two He said the Arab group was

concerned not simply over the "appalling events which have been happening over the past few days" on the West Bank

"We have a very strong feeling that the countdown on the liq-

uidation of any meaningful Palestinian presence in the occupied Palestinian territories has already started," he added.

The U.N. observers of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Arab League, Zehdi Terzi and Clovis Maksoud attended the Jordanian representative's press conference.

Mr. Maksoud said the Arab group sub-committee on the Palestine question would meet later Monday to draft a resolution calling for immediate council action on the deteriorating situation in the West Bank

### Shamir backs envoy on possible annexation

TEL AVIV (A.P.) — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Monday backed up a statement by his U.S. ambassador that if talks on West Bank "autonomy" stalled. Israel might annex the territory.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Mr. Shamir told the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee of parliament that Ambassador Moshe Arens' statement was in line with government policy.

He declined to give details, but Israel Radio quoted Mr. Shamir as

telling the committee Israel would not agree to negotiate forever on autonomy.

If no end was in sight. Mr. Shamir was quoted as saying, "then we will face a number of options which we will have to weigh." Mr. Arens' statement surprised

most observers, and drew criticism from opposition politicians. Mr. Shamir was quoted as admitting that Mr. Arens' remarks "may have contained stresses which have not been heard in the past."

### European role attacked

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - A close aide of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Israel Monday to try to solve a border dispute which threatens Israel's final pullback from the Sinai Peninsula.

In a party speech Sunday night, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel has reached "the limits of concessions" to Egypt, adding that if no solution to the border dispute is found soon, Israel would be "better off staying in Sinai."

Dr. Osama Al Baz, director of Mr. Mubarak's bureau for foreign affairs, was met at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport by the director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, and Egypt's ambassador, Saad Moruada. He made no arrival statement, but was reported to have brought a letter from Mr. Mubarak to Israeli Prime Minister

Menachem Begin. Mr. Begin's cabinet developed a

meeting Sunday, but it has not been disclosed "to avoid prejudicing the Egyptian decisionmaking process," Mr. Begin's spokesman said.

Dr. Al Baz is to meet Mr. Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir Tuesday in his only scheduled meeting, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Paper criticism

Meanwhile, a leading Cairo newspaper said Monday that armed repression was not the way to deal with Arabs on the West Bank and called on Israel to change its approach to the deadlocked Palestinian "autonomy" talks.

Commenting on the latest violence in the Israeli-occupied territories, Al Goumhoriah said Israel should enter the autonomy negotiations with a new mind that admitted all the legitimate rights compromise plan at its weekly of the Palestinians.

#### BRUSSELS (R) - Arab amberal Assembly resolution in favour

assadors in Brussels Monday accused European Economic Community (EEC) nations of encouraging aggression by Israel against Arabs in Israeli-occupied territories.

The ambassadors, representing the 21 Arab League countries. said Arabs living under Israeli occupation were victims of a systematic terror campaign. This was 'encouraged by nine member states of the EEC, which refused to vote for the United Nations Gen-

of sanctions against Israel," the statement said. All EEC states except Greece

abstained when the motion demanding sanctions in protest at Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights came before the General Assembly earlier this year. Greece voted for the resolution.

"The Arab ambassadors urgently appeal to Belgium and the EEC to revise their position and take coercive measures against the Israeli entity," it said.

#### France deplores Israeli actions

PARIS (R) - The French government said Monday it deplored an Israeli decision to dissolve the

town council of Al Bireh in the occupied West Bank. A statement by the External Relations Ministry said: "It (the French government) deplores that

is deprived of the means to assume its responsibilities and it is moved by the acts of violence which have led to several victims...."

It said that all decisions that changed the rights of the population in the occupied territories made the search for peace in the a democratically elected authority region more difficult.

# uprising continuing

Another Palestinian

killed by Israelis;

(Agencies) - Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian teenager and wounded three others Monday, the fourth straight day of an anti-Israeli major uprising in the West Mohammad Hamad Al Babha

was the second youth to be killed in demonstrations since Palestinians declared a general strike last Friday to protest against new Israeli occupation measures. An Israeli military spokesman

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claimed that the soldiers had opened fire "aiming at the feet of the demonstrators, who presented a serious threat to the forces who had tried every other means to disperse the crowd, including tear

The shooting took place in the Deir Amar camp, near Ramallah. Tear gas was used against demonstrators in other West Bank

The Israeli government has come under mounting criticism for its administration of the territory, and will face an opposition noconfidence motion in the Knesset (parliament) on Tuesday.

In Washington, the White House expressed concern Monday about the West Bank clashes, and called for renewed efforts to achieve "autonomy" for the territory.

Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes, in a reference to the earlier incidents, told reporters: "We are concerned over the violence in the region. We deeply regret the loss of life over the weekend."

He added: "We want to reemphasise the need to move ahead with the Camp David process and deal with the autonomy

Strike-breaking move

Israeli occupation forces on Monday ordered some shopkeepers to open their stores in East Jerusalem and summoned municipal workers to return to their jobs in Al Bireh, one of the main West Bank towns where protests were widespread.

Eyewitnesses said the strikebreaking move met with little success. Few people were on the streets of Arab East Jerusalem and in Al Bireh, municipal clerks and street cleaners reported for duty but sat around without resuming

West Bank mayors called a general strike to protest against last week's dissolution of the Al Bireh council by Israeli authorities and the dismissal of town Mayor Ibrahim Tawil.

The mayors, who say the move heralds an Israeli campaign to unseat them all, on Sunday told Palestinian residents to extend their three-day strike, which was due to end Sunday night, until Wednesday.

In several areas, troops assaulted stone-throwing Palestinians who burnt tyres and chanted Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) slogans. A petrol bomb exploded near an Israeli patrol, security sources reported.

Ramallah and Al Bireh were under curfew for the second day and a partial blockade was enforced to stop local residents leaving the towns between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. local time. Defence Minister Ariel Sharon,

grave for all sides. Dudin's support

Israel's Communist Party tab-

led a motion strongly attacking his

measures and the main opposition

Labour Party filed a more mildly

worded no-confidence motion cri-

ticising the recent functioning of

Mr. Begin's government.

Although his coalition has only

a one-seat majority in the 120-

member Knesset, it has narrowly

reflected in an editorial in the

English-language Jerusalem Post,

which spoke of "the spiral of rep-

It accused the Israeli army of

strongarm tactics and said the

events of the past few days had widened the gap between Israelis

and the 750,000 West Bank Pal-

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij.

regarded as the most "moderate"

of the Palestinian mayors, told

reporters the deterioration of the

situation on the West Bank was

ression" in the West Bank.

Israeli internal divisions were

survived several previous votes.

A leader of one of the West Bank Village Leagues, sponsored by Israel to provide an alternative to the representative mayors in the towns, said he supported the Israeli government's takeover of the Al Bireh municipality.

Mustafa Dudin, who heads the largest Village League around the town of Hebron, said that "public servants must not break relations with the authorities."

He blamed Jordanian warnings who is responsible for admagainst Village League members who collaborate with Israel for the inistering the occupied territories.

#### Oil signs in Azraq are 'encouraging'

AMMAN (J.T.) - Oil may be found in the Azraq area, 120 kilometres east of Amman, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, quoted the deputy president of the Natural Resources Authority as saying on Sunday.

Mr. Ahmad Dakhan said that the first test well in the Azrag area gave encouraging signs, "but more drilling has to be carried out before determining whether the oil found there could be used for commercial purposes."

According to Mr. Dakhan, some oil was found at a depth of 2650 metres in the area.

Prospecting for oil in Jordan started a long time ago, but plans did not materialise except during Jordan's first five-year plan. Under the current five-year plan (1981-1985) some JD 30 million are

allocated for oil prospecting. Several foreign companies had searched for oil over the past 30 years, but their search was "msuccessful."

Current oil-drilling programmes have picked up steam with the cooperation of Hungarian experts and the setting up of Hungarian-made oil rigs on the site

early last year. Petra reported Sunday that His Majesty King Hussein had inspected the site and the work, and listened to the experts working there on progress being made.

#### **Travellers to West Bank on Fridays** should go early

AMMAN (Petra) - The Public Security Directorate has made an announcement to the effect that those willing to travel to the West Bank via the King Hussein and Prince Mohammad bridges on Fridays should be present at those area before 9.30 a.m., since the last bus which departs on Fridays leaves at 10.00 a.m.

A spokesman for the Public Security Directorate has said that anyone who fails to be present on time would not be able to leave for the West Bank on Frida, s.

### NCC hails W. Bankers

AMMAN (Petra) -- The National Consultative Council (NCC) has hailed the uprising of Palestinians in the West Bank and their heroic stand against the Israeli occupation and its practices to peddle the "autonomy" plot.

NCC members, during their weekly session on Monday, called on the Arab countries "to unify their ranks, to discard peripheral differences, and to support the kinsmen who are confronting the Israeli enemy with heroism despite the barbaric tactics of repression and terrorism applied by the enemy against them."

They also hailed the Jordanian Armed Forces on the anniversary of the Battle of Karameh.

The NCC praised the Jordanian government's stand against the so-called Village Leagues in the occupied Arab territories, as well as the government's continued efforts to implement development projects, which materialised in signs of the discovery of oil in Al Azraq area.

The NCC also approved law of the Civil Aviation Authority for

NCC members condemned in

Al Bireh Municipal Council, and said "this was a new phase of the continued Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in their homeland." They condemned the Israeli measures to "liquidate the elected Palestinian leadership within the occupied areas and to replace them with traitors and collaborators with the enemy through the so-called Village Lea-

their speeches the dissolution of

They said the Jordanian government took the lead in responding to the national duty when took a firm stand against the Village Leagues and regarded everyone joining them as 'an agent of the Zionist enemy."

Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh hailed the stand of the "steadfast kinsmen in the West Bank and thanked His Majesty King Hussein and the government for their efforts to implement economic projects, which materialised in signs of the discovery of oil in Al Azraq area.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran and the ministers attended the ses-

#### Documents required for foreigners

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Directorate has called on Arab and foreign nationals coming to Jordan for the purpose of employment should have ready required documents for the annual residence permit within the first month of their arrival granted to them at the border centres.

Directorate sources said that in case they fail to prepare the required documents during that month, Arab and foreigners can obtain a residence permit for another month from the police, and for the third month from the directorate's Aliens Department. The sources said delay in completing the procedures of the annual residence in any department other than the Aliens Department

is a legal offence and that the residence permit cannot be considered valid except after its acceptance by the Aliens Department and after payment of the due fees.

Directorate sources also said that as far as the foreigners who have annual residence permits and wish to leave the country before the expirty of their annual stay to spend their leaves abroad, they should, upon returning to Jordan, make a statement at the border centres to the effect that they have annual residence permits which expired during their stay outside Jordan, and should refer to the Aliens Department immediately upon their arrival in the country to renew these permits so that they would not have to pay any fees.

### Arafat, Assad meet

DAMASCUS (R) - Syrian President Hafez Al Assad conferred Monday with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat.

Palestinian sources said the meeting discussed a working plan for a joint Syrian-Palestinian str-

# NATIONAL

# Low-interest loans help build dwellings

This is the third in a five-part series in which Samira Kawar reports in depth on the housing situation in Jordan. So far, the writer has dealt with the growth that this vital sector of the country's development has shown over the past decade, analysed the factors contributing to, or restricting this growth and examined the activities and role of the Housing Corporation in this field.

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS solving the housing problem for limited-income employees have been made by several institutions for the benefit of their employees. During the 1976-1980 five year plan, government and nongovernment organisations granted housing loans to 3,900 employees, providing dwellings for some 25,740 people. The amounts, interest rates and terms of these loans varied, although most of them were soft loans, issued by both private and public establishments. By the end of 1980, housing loans provided by 24 banks and organisations amounted to some JD 23 million. The highest volume of loans, totalling JD 5.12 million, was extended by the Military Housing Cor-poration. Alia, The Royal Jordanian Airline, came second, facilitating loans of JD 5 million to its employees for housing purposes. The Jordan Valley Authority granted housing loans totalling JD 3.2 million, while the Central Bank of Jordan lent JD. 1.9 million. The Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company's housing loans to employees during the 1976-1980 period totalled JD 1.8 million.

Interest rates on institutional housing loans ranged between 2 and 7.5 per cent and were much lower than those applied to ind-

that the bank offers several types of housing loans, which have different repayment periods and carry interest rates varying from 7 to 9.5 per cent. Individual loans must be repaid in 15 years and carry on 8.5 per cent interest rate. Commercial loans last for five years, with an added two-years grace period, at an interest of 9 per cent plus a one per cent commission fee. Loans to housing cooperatives carry an 8.5 interest type of beneficiary. Loans for rural housing projects carry a 7 per cent interest rate and the period of repayment varies according to the type of beneficiary. Loans to housing cooperatives carry an The Housing Bank, since it bec-8.5 interest rate, while loans to ame operational in 1974, has plapublic sector and semiyed a significant role in financing governmental corporations for the construction sector in general employee housing projects are and the housing sector in particular. According to the bank's usually considered as commercial 1980 annual report, increased emphasis was laid in 1980 on finloans as far as repayment periods. interest loans and commission fees are concerned. ancing bousing projects for lower and limited income groups. During the period 1974-1980, the Hou-sing Bank extended a total 16,795

Another type of housing pro-jects designed to provide dwe-Hings for limited income groups are those sponsored by bousing cooperatives. These cooperatives are usually formed by employees of a certain government or private institution or by members of a certain profession such as lawyers, doctors, teachers or journalists, to purchase land and build their own houses. While the number of housing cooperatives soared from 27 in 1974 to 68 in 1980, only 21 have accomplished their objectives. The Housing Corporation's annual report indicates that 16 cooperatives purchased land, but were unable to build houses, while 13 others failed to achieve their basic objectives due to the high cost of building materials and land as a result of insufficient funding. Hence, most of these 13 cooperatives were dissolved.

The Alia employees housing Director of the Housing Bank's project was carried out by a bui-Accountancy Department Muhlding cooperative society formed ieddin Ali told the Jordan Times

by the employees wishing to receive housing. The project, known as Alia Heights, comprises 386 housing units. It is located in the Marj Al Hamam area on the Amman-Na'our road about 12 kilometres from Amman. The Alia Heights housing community is comprised of 227 villas, 63 semi-villas and 96 apartments. Besides the dwellings themselves, the project includes the provision of other necessary services such as streets; a sewage systems; water. telephone and electricity networks and space for central community centres and facilities such as a club, a swimming pool and a shopping centre, all of which Alia has promised to provide, according to Vice President Fahed Fanek. A local Jordanian contracting firm, Astra, is using a

Mr. Fanek told the Jordan Times that the total cost of the Alia Heights housing projects is JD 6.5 million. Alia employees wishing to acquire housing through Alia formed a building cooperative society of their own to finance the project. Mr. Fanek pointed out that the cooperative was an entity completely independent of Alia, and that Alia's only role was to act as guarantor of the housing loans received by the cooperative. Most of the funds for the project had come in the shape of a JD 4 million loan from the Housing Bank. Mr. Fanek said that the loan was payable over a period of 15 years at an interest rate of 8.5 per cent. The Alia employees provident fund had lent the building cooperative a total of JD 1.25 million for the completion of the project and was charging interest at banking rates. The savings of the beneficiaries themselves contributed another JD 1.25 million towards the expeses, Mr. Fanek said.

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Alia Heights is built on a total area of 300 dunums. Mr. Fanek ght ten years ago, when its price their houses. The balance is paywas only 2 per cent of its present

Mr. Fanek said that the project's beneficiaries make up about 10 per cent of Alia employees in Jordan. Eligibility for participating in the project depends on the number of years the applicant has spent in service, his or her marital status, and is conditional upon not owning a house. Beneficiaries must make a 25 per

pointed out that the land was bou- cent down payment of receiving able over a 15-year period.

Demand for Alia-sponsored housing is high among employees, and Mr. Fanek said that about 40 employees are on a waiting list. He described their chances as slim. because only four apartments are left unallotted. The applications are being graded according to certain priorities, he said.

Mr. Fanek pointed out that the Alia Heights project was, like all

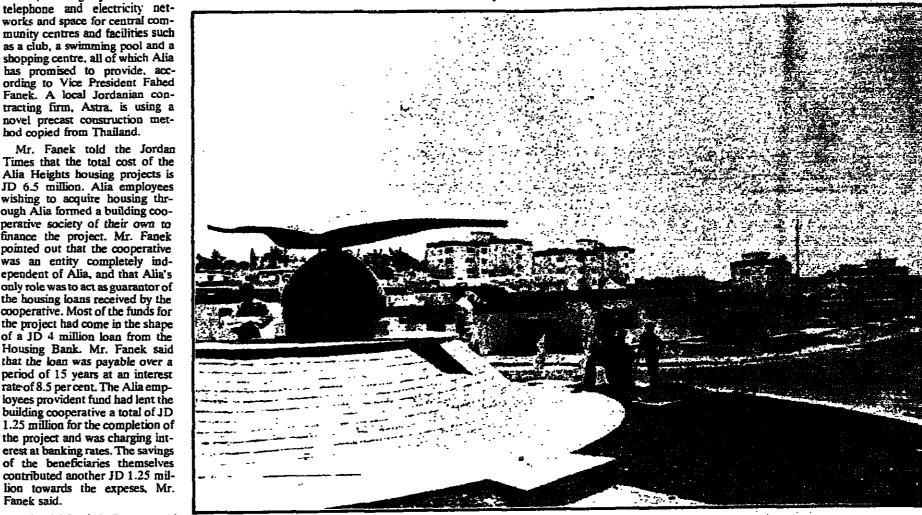
other construction projects, suffering from delays in completion and meeting deadline on the part of contractors. He pointed out that construction was begun in 1977 and should have been completed by the end of 1979. It is still unfinished, but it is hoped that it will be completed in three or four months. About 150 families have already moved in, he said. He regretted, however, that the two-year

dealy in the completion of the pro-

ject had raised the estimated cost

of the project by a full 20 percent. He pointed out that the entire savings of benefitting employees would hardly be sufficient to cover the interest rates that would be payable as a result of the increase in the estimated cost.

Mr. Fanck said that Alia would support future housing projects for its employees as it had supported the Alia Heights project. A. new cooperative society would soon be registered to buy land for another housing project, he said.



Alia Heights

housing loans, amounting to JD

128.97 million, to finance 30,818

dwellings. The annual report ind-

icates that loans granted by the

bank during 1980 for purposes of

constructing, completing and exp-

anding houses constituted 93 per

cent of the total amounts of loans

granted. The amount of loans gra-

nted to individuals, either directly

or as members of housing coo-

peratives totalled JD 11.6 million,

constituting 42 per cent of the total amount of loans granted that

year. The bank grants loans to all

applicants who are able to submit

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building license, a blueprint and a

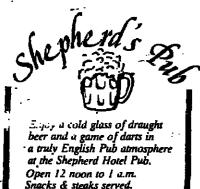
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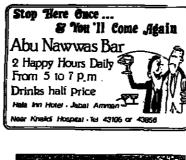


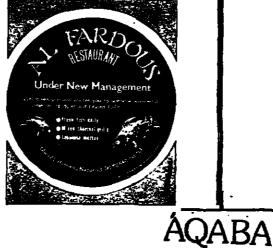


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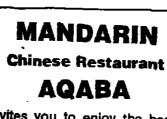












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as disturbing as it is binding, add-

ing a hidden complexity to the pie-

Durra was to produce something

original and new, something that

had not been seen before in Jor-

dan. Certainly the drawings of the

Circassian dancers have validly

achieved this end. What does not

achieve it, however, are the por-

traits of bedouin faces. Adm-

ittedly they are drawn with the

same rapid liquidity as are the

dancers, and thus they har-

moniously complete the col-

lection. But at the same time they

conflict with it, as they lack the

uniqueness, that singular ing-

enuity, that is the hallmark of the

This is not the fault of the artist,

who was among the first to paint

the bedouins in this way and

whose skill at rendering each ind-

ividual face, each set of features

has perhaps remained uns-

urpassed. But these portraits have

ists, and reproduced so many

times in so many different ways

that the subject matter has been

reduced to the commonplace, the

touristic. The bedouins need to be

seen in a new way. We need to be

made aware of the other aspects of

these people, and perhaps Durra,

with his sophisticated insight and

technical vertuousity, will be the

first to find this so-far hidden fac-

tor. In the meantime it would have

been better, at this exhibition, to

have let the dancers alone take the

Whatever the faults of the exh-

ibition, the one thing it indicates

without a doubt is that Durra has

lost nothing in his years of absence

fron the galleries. If anything, his

own very definite style, his own

original ideas are more strongly

developed, as is his mastery of

brush and pen. With this exh-

ibition, we know that Durra is

back. The exhibition, entitled

Movement and Line, runs until

March 31. All the pieces are for

The aim of this latest work of

*ART REVIEW* 

### Durra makes a shining return

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AFIER FIVE silent years -- during which his reputation as an artist has remained undiminished one of Jordan's most influential and technically able artists, Mohanna Durra, is exhibiting his work

For those who knew the reputation but little of the art that generated it, the selection of fast mobile drawings of dancers and bedouin faces now on show at the American Centre confirms that the acclaim was well deserved. For many others, familiar with the artist's work over the years, the exhibition provides an affirmation of the talent they already knew exi-

It is a talent that has had a farreaching and deep influence on Jordanian art. Many artists have used as their inspiration Durra's way or reduing the terraced slopes of Amman, sown with their rocky crops of small square houses, into blocky abstracts filled with radiant light. Others have tried to imitate his subtle use of colour -- particularly the "thousand shades" of blue in which Durra finds himself. Yet others are influenced by Durra's portraits, which range from intricately painted pieces to a few swirling confident lines which

catch the essence of the individual. Of all these forms of expression, it is with the latter that Durra has concerned himself during the past few months, when he has been able, at last, to devote himself more to his art. Loose fluid drawings, spontaneous in the extrme, fill the small exhibition hall as Dutta, in a minimum of swift sure lines, catches the feverish corybantic movement of figures in the throes of a wild romantic dance. When one realises that they were drawn almost unconsciously by the artist's practised hand -- which glides across the paper with smooth unfaltering certainty - while he was immersed in the same Circassian music that is being played during the exhibition, one can almost feel the figures whirl and leap with free choreography to the strains of the Gypsy violins and

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heartstopping rhythms.
The drawings on exhibition were the best among many produced in such a way, and there is an interesting contrast between those that depict groups of three or four dancers and those of single figures. The former seem bound together by unharnessed energy, while the latter seem to coop that

same dynamism within themselves. These lone dancers bend and stretch with a feline grace that hints at unlimited power. They seem to inhabit their bodies in an uninhibited, childlike, way; and thus they exude a feeling of per-

All the drawings are linked by a



Durra's lone dancers inhabit their bodies in an unhibited, childlike

#### Local writer wins ALESCO prize

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordanian writer Rawdah Al Fark's Hudhud has won a \$1,000 prize for her book, Qafilat Al Nida, awarded by the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Al Ra'i,

newspaper reported Monday. Mrs. Hudhud was chosen among other Arab writers who participated in a competition held by the organisation to encourage story-writing for chi-

Mrs. Hudhud, an established writer of children's stories, has published four books and is in the course of publishing a new one entitled Rihlat Al Nida.

abilitation Centre in Amman.

## **Education Ministry official** raps private schools fees

AMMAN (Petra) — A Ministry of Education official on Monday criticised "some private schools" who charge "exorbitant" tution fees.

Dr. Izzat Jaradat, who heads the ministry's department that oversees private schools, said the "unreasonable rise in tution fees in some private schools does not serve the public interest or our educational objectives, and represents an unacceptable negative

phenomenon. Addressing a meeting attended

from all over the country, Dr. Jaradat said private schools "must strive to ensure good educational services to all citizens, on the basis of equal educational opportunities, and not on the basis of their financial abilities. Dr. Jaradat charged that the

continuing rise in school fees would "consecrate this trend by principals of private schools which is far removed from the real educational goals and objectives."

> He urged all private school principals to inform the ministry of any intention to rise school fees. giving all the reason for these impending increases, their percentage, and whether they are dictated by new requirements or by

with the aim of serving the educational process

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Jaradat expressed the ministry's appreciation for the contributions made by these educational institutions in developing

the quality of education in Jordan. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education on Monday formed a committee to develop examination and evaluation methods with the objective of raising the standard of the general secondary school examination and providing better criteria for measuring the aptitude of students who want to

qualify for higher studies. The aim of the measure is to improve the quality of education in all stages and to develop ways of evaluating curricula, school books and methods of education.

### Taiwan industry show opens

AMMAN (Petra) — An exhibition of Taiwanese industrial products was opened on Monday at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. During the five-day exhibition, in which 35 Chinese companies are participating, electric appliances, leather goods, household effects and motorcycle will be exhibited. The opening of the exhibition, which is organised by the foreign trade ministry of the Republic of China, was attended by several Jordanian businessmen and representatives of companies interested in Chinese industrial products. It is one of four exhibitions to be held in Amman during this year. The exhibition will later be staged in several Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt. Jordan's imports from the Taiwan in 1981 totalled some \$50 million, mostly in construction materials and electric appliances. Taiwan imported Jordanian phosphates worth some \$20



**Inmates exhibit works** 

AMMAN (Petra) - An exhibition of audio-visual aids and han-

dicrafts for use in illeteracy and continuing education classes (Petra

photo below) was opened Monday at the correction and Reh-

The two-day exhibition, includes designfor educational audio-

visual aids, handicrafts, text books, maps of historic sites in Jordan

and the Arab World, engineering designs and embroideries rep-

### Today's weather

It will be fair, with light and variable winds. In Agaba the winds will be northerly moderate and the seas calm

	Overnight low	Daytime high
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Aqaba	13	27
Deserts	6	23
Jordan Valley	10	27

readings: Amman 29 per cent, Aqaba 27 per cent.

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#### A star-studded collection finds a new exhibition place

Meg Abu Hamdan

ON SHOW at the Amman Marriott Hotel until the end of the month is a vast selection (numbering over 75) of prints and oil paintings by some of the world's most famous artists. The collection, which is owned by Dr. Mireille Ayoub, is a very interesting and comprehensive one, containing as it does original art work by Picasso, Miro, Karel Appel and Victor Vaserely to name but a few. But, as a great many of these works have been exhibited previously in Amman in recent months, some of the initial excitement that such an exhibition should generate is naturally diminished.

Some of the work, however, can stand repeated showings. Even though a gap of less than two weeks separates the exhibition of Romare Bearden's collages in two different places, his soft, intricately woven fabrics of colours and textures lose none of their magnetism. The same is also true of the work of Alexander Calder, the striking simplicity of whose prints never fails to inspire.

Seen for the first time are some well-crafted oils by the American artist Clayton Pond, which depict more glamorous sports such as motor racing, yachting and parachuting. This subject matter, along with the bright hard-edged blocks of colour, which echo the effect of screen-printing, give the paintings a rather dated, graphic feel. The set of true screenprints, "suite of Six Chairs", still retains an original freshness.

Standing out noticeably among less innovative abstract work are the prints by Johany Friedlander and Fernando Torm. Both Friedlander's sombre black-and-white striped abstract, which is enlivened by a dashing red line zigzagging across its centre, and Term's joyful primary coloured forms balanced by Chinese calligraphy have a complex yet immediate appeal. In total contrast to all the modern art are two 17th-century

classical still lifes by the French artist Jean Baptiste Mounoyer. Painted in 1670, they are priced at JD 28,000. Prices for the rest of the work on show start at JD 35 for a Jorge Dumas print. Finally it must be noted that the works are not hung to the best

advantages. Hopelessly crowded, they fill both sides, from top to bottom, of screens placed around a room whose decoration is more in keeping with the 17th century works than with those of the

#### WHAT'S GOING ON

**Exhibitions** 

Twenty-five Years of French Rock, at the French Cultural

An Exhibition of Scandinavian Crafts and Design, at the Alia Art Gallery.

International Painters, at the Amman Marriott Hotel.

Movement and Line, by Mohanna Durra, at the American

\* Clavigo, based on a play by Goethe, at the Goethe Institute at 8

Video Programme

\* CBS Evening News, at the American Centre at 12 a.m. and at 4

Slide Lecture

\* Artists, craftsmen and hobbyists are invited to a slide show on Scandinavian crafts and design at the Turath Centre, Jabal Luweibdeh, at 3:30 p.m.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Abu Nowar back from UAE visit

AMMAN (Petra) - Culture and Youth Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar returned to Amman from Abu Dhabi Monday at the end of a four-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during which he attended the 6th Gulf soccer tournament which began last Friday. During the visit, Mr. Abu Nowar also met with his UAE counterpart and discussed with him aspects of cultural cooperation between the two countries.

#### National Book Week set for April

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will celebrate National Book Week next month. Dr. Ahmad Sharkas, director general of the National Libraries, Documentation and Archives, said Monday the celebration will include an exhibition of Arab books at the Muslim Educational college here, an exhibition of Jordanian books at Ruseifeh and an exhibition in the central Jordan Valley. Dr. Sharkas added that the week will also include several seminars and lectures dealing with writing and reading in Jordan.

Jail for two years for smoking hashish

AMMAN (Petra) — The Military Court has sentenced Azmi Siyam and Khalil Ghanem to a two-year prison term and a fine of JD 50 each after finding them guilty of smoking hashish. The Military Governor approved the sentences Monday.

Local mayors to attend Milan seminar

SUWIELEH (J.T.) - Abu Alanda Mayor Mohammad Al Huneitii and Quweismeh and Juweida Mayor Anwar Al Hadid have received official invitations to attend a seminar on medium-size city municipalities which will take place in Milan, Italy, from April 19 to May 5, Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Monday. Mr. Huneiti and Mr. Hadid will present a report at the seminar, organised by the Organisation of Arab Cities, on services provided by their municipal councils and on programmes for developing local government in Jordan, the paper said.

Meteorology exhibits starts today

AMMAN (Petra) - Transport Minister Ali Suheimat on Tuesday opens an exhibition on meteorology and weather forecasting, which is organised on the occasion of International Meteorology Day. The exhibition, which will last several days, will include meteorology and monitoring devices as well as wea-



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#### Think it out

HOW MANY Palestinian youths must die from Israeli bullets before we can expect to hear some words from those people and politicians in the United States, and other western nations, who have been jumping over one another to point out the abuses of human rights in Afghanistan and Poland? Precisely how low can the double standards of American and some other western politicians stoop before the sound of one's nose being dragged through the dirt muffles the cries we have heard so often from them for the dignity and self-respect of the people of Afghanistan and Poland and other abused nations?

We find it pathetic and disgraceful that the events of the past week in the occupied West Bank and Gaza have unfolded without a single major American or western politician raising his or her voice in complaint against the actions of the Israeli occupation forces. Is it a surprise, therefore, that the traditionally moderate leaders of the Arab World, including Jordan, should find it necessary to reiterate a loud that the self-interest of the people of the United States is being jeopardised by a continuation of the American policies that allow the Palestinian people of the West Bank and Gaza to be subjected to Israeli gunfire and political terror that -- according to the actions of the American government -- seems obviously to be tacitly supported by the political leadership of the United States? The question remains: How much longer can the Arab World put up with such abuse without deciding that our self-interest is not served by normal ties with the United States? Or is this already the lesson that has been learned from the changing patterns of diplomatic and military ties during the past five years? The pattern should be thought out to its logical conclusion, in between talking about Poland and Afghanistan.

#### **ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY**

#### Act before it is too late

ALRA'I: It is not a new phenomenon for the Palestinian people to adopt such as amazing and heroic stand in facing the bullets of the Zionist occupier, and an oppression never witnessed before by any people in the world. It is not the first time our people record such a brave and daring stand which has driven the Israeli occupation authorities out of their minds and forced them to drop their mask of democracy exposing to the world their abhorrent and uncivilised face.

The new phenomenon, which every faithful Arab citizen should be aware of, is the fierce Zionist insistence to achieve its ultimate goal of giving the Palestinian people one of two options: to surrender and submit to the will of the Zionist occupiers or continue to be harassed, exterminated and displaced.

In order to prove its intentions, Israel has released heavily armed settler: in the streets of Arab towns and villages to terrorise the Arab citizens just in the same way the early Zionist used to act

In light of all these events we raise our voices to tell all the Arabpeople that it is high time they did something other than remaining silent on what is happening to our people at the hands of the Zionist executioners.

It is about time the Arabs understood that what is taking place is the last chapter of the conspiracy which aims at uprooting and exterminating the Arab presence in the occupied territories. The Arabs must discuss what is taking place at the highest level and utilise all their capabilities to abort the Zionist conspiracy before

#### Israeli schemes rejected

AL DUSTOUR: Despite the tragic nature of what is happening in our occupied lands, it stands to be a positive indicator showing that the turning point for regaining Arab rights is coming. This fact has been highlighted by His Majesty King Hussein during the cabinet's meeting on Sunday.

The King's words which reflect Jordan's determination to stand by our brothers during their heroic struggle also speak of the psychological state being experienced by our people in the East and the West Bank at the Karameh anniversary of the battle and during our brothers' struggle in the occupied territories who stand shouting in the face of the occupiers: No to the civilian administration and no to the Village Leagues, no to settlements and no

to all schemes of Judaisation in Arab Palestine. The day when we regain our Arab rights is coming. Yes, Your Majesty, it will come. What can the thieves' plots do to faithful hearts? Hope is shining there in Al Aqsa, in Christ's cradle and in every part of the occupied Holy Lands where our people are defying the occupation authorities, their tanks and their bayonets.

Our people are rejecting occupation. All the Arab people are watching what these people do on behalf of the Arab and the Islamic nations. These people have nothing to offer but their blood because they are unarmed. The Arab Nation, with its millions of people and armies and oil, must rise, carry out United Nations resolutions and deliver its sons from what they are being subjected to.

The Israeli aggression has reached its peak but the struggle of our people provides hope and calls on the Arab Nation to rise.

# 'Blessed are the peacemakers'

By Nicolas B. Tatro The Associated Press

BEIRUT - Bouquets of flowers and cheering throngs greeted Syrian troops when they marched into Lebanon nearly six years ago to restore order after a 19-month civil war.

But the image of saviour has wilted over the years, and the Syrian government of President Hafez Assad is harshly criticised by leftists and rightists as well as Arab oil states that finance the 30,000-man peacekeeping army.

What began as a stop-gap mea-

sure to end strife here and prevent instability from reaching Syria's borders turned into a semipermanent presence. Syrian officials have told Western diplomats they intend to remain in Lebanon as long as there is a chance that Israel will attack Syria through the Bekaa valley in eastern Lebanon.

While Syrian troops often sep-

that claimed 12 lives broke out in the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli in late February with Syrian peacekeepers and pro-Syrian groups on one side against a coalition of neighbourhood groups who want the Syrians out.

to foreign diplomats.

amilitary and political groups in

In late February, heavy fighting

It was a familiar scene in Lebanon: Shopfronts peppered with bullet holes, powerlines dangling in the street, window glass crunching underfoot and makeshift barricades of sandbags and overturned cars at intersections. Ironically, the dividing line was Syria Street.

"The Syrians are present here under the cover of guaranteeing the security of Lebanon and

arate warring factions. Syria does Syria." said Hamza, a street leader in red-camouflaged fatigues can not play a traditional role of a neuof the Popular Resistance Militia tral peacekeeper. Assad's regime in Bab Al Tabaneh. "In our asssponsors a half-dozen paressment the strategic security is not found in the narrow streets of Lebanon whose combined force Tripoli but on the border with Isrnumbers about 30,000, according ael in South Lebanon." The militiamen ticked off a list of charges against the Syrians: Harrassment at checkpoints, excessive use of force, car thefts and exploiting religious differences between Sunni Muslims and members of the Alawite Muslim sect. The Alawite sect makes up about 10 per cent of Tripoli's 600,000 population. President Assad and many of the Syrian troops stationed in north Leb-

anon are Alawite. The Syrians come down here and try to be killers because we are different religions," said a militiaman named Osman. "This is fighting between Tripoli Muslims (Sunnis) and Tripoli Alawites and

Across Syria Street begins the hillside neighbourhood of Baal Mohsen where Syrian commandos be seen along with militiamen of the Arab Democratic Party, a pro-Syrian group with a paramilitary force of about 3,500 fighters called the Arab Knights.

Rachid Muqaddam, secretarygeneral of the pro-Syrian party. denied in an interview that Syria is behind the Tripoli strife.

"I don't say the Syrians haven't made serious mistakes but they are not ones that justify killing one's brother," said Muqaddam. speaking in his headquarters in downtown Tripoli.

"When you see how much even those who fight against the Syrians here are following Syria's political line then you know that it is a plot," added Muqaddam, who claimed that there was an Israeli-American plan to weaken Syria and Lebanon by dividing at into four or five sectarian states.

Asked about the alleged excesses of the Syrian peacekeeping force he replied that the peacekeeping force "is an army not a political party. They have strict orders and they carry them out in

military fashion. A senior Lebanese politician. who held a high government post and has dealt for many years with Syria, said in an interview that criticism of the Syrian presence was useless unless the 24,000-man Lebanese army was strengthened and made acceptable to all fac-

The Army collapsed during the 1975-76 civil war and its strength remains suspect.

When the Syrians first entered Lebanon in June 1976, they did so at the request of then-president Suleiman Franjieh. They were given a mandate to uphold law and order by the Arab League in November of that year and the 21nation Arab bloc has renewed the mandate every six months since

The rightist Kataeb, or Pha-

from east Beirdt and surres mountain strongholds in 1978 after fierce fighting.

Pierre Yazbek, spokesman for the Rightit Lebanese Front political coalition, said in an interview that Syria must withdraw. "Syria's presence can be summed up in one word, occupation," Yazbek said "The Syrians have to leave, there

The lack of a solution to the Lebanese conflict and Syria's support for Iran in its war with neighbouring Iraq have intiated Arab oil states, such as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, which foot the

is no alternative."

bill for the peacekeeping army. In a public rebuke, Kuwait's Parliament on Feb. 23 voted 27 to 7 against paying its 20 per cent share of the peacekeeping costs. The deputies accused Syrian troops in Lebanon of undefined excessive actions."

Even so, the Arab League states lange Party, has since turned on are expected to renew the manthe Syrians who were expelled date which expires Apr. 28.

## PLO feels Israeli attack on Lebanon

By Paul Eedle Reuser

TYRE - In Rachidive Refugee Camp, children are ambling along the narrow, tarmac road from school to their homes in the long rows of simply-built, whitewashed concrete houses.

Nearby, an off-duty Palestinian guerrilla in camouflage uniform strides jauntily past the local headquarters of the Palestinians' military police, a pistol at his side and. a polished leather ammunition belt gleaming with bullets around

Around the camp just south of the port of Tyre, the stretch of flat land bordering the Mediterranean sea is packed with orange and

lemon orchards. Beyond them rise rugged green hills dotted with farming villages.

This area of South Lebanon. now relaxing in the spring sun, has been a battleground for more than 12 years, with locally-based Palestinian commandos raiding into Israel and Israeli air and ground forces mounting massive retaliatory strikes. And despite an eight-month-old ceasefire between the Palestinians and Israelis. both the guerrillas and Western diplomats in Beirut feel secure in predicting that there will be fig-

hting again. The diplomats say that as long as the 20,000 Palestinian guerrillas remain scattered across South Lebanon with their guns and rockets close enough to the

border to hit Israeli settlements in northern Israel, the Israelis will want to attack the area.

The Palestinians say an Israeli attack in some form is certain and seem almost to relish the prospect because they think they can turn even a military defeat into a proaganda victory.

In an olive-green military tent pitched by a ruined house on the outskirts of tyre, a young Palestinian officer explained the PLO was determined to abide by the ceasefire worked out through U.S. and Saudi Arabian meditators last July because they wanted any new round of fighting to be started by the Israelis.

The officer, a deputy commander for the Tyre area identified only as Zaki. said: "Sooner the world will see who is the aggressor.

The terms of the agreement, which ended two weeks of crossborder shelling and a series of Israeli air raids in which more than 300 people died in South Lebanon and Beirut, have never been made

When U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, one of the negotiators involved, announced the ceasefire he did not even mention the com-

batants by name. The Palestinians maintain that the agreement means they are bound not to launch any military action from South Lebanon but remain free to mount operations within Israeli occupied territory or

or later they will break it and then from other neighbouring cou-

The Israelis say the ceasefire covers all guerrilla operations everywhere and gave special publicity to the capture of a group of commandos who infiltrated earlier this

From their differing standpoints both the Palestinians and the Western diplomats agree that the only questions to be asked about ren-. ewed Israeli action in South Lebanon are when and how:

The diplomats said it was useless to speculate about the timing of an attack because one of the main weapons of the Israeli armed forces has always been total sup-

The diplomats pointed to a statement by Israeli Defence Min-

ister Ariel Sharon saying that Isrsel would not attack South Lebanon unless it was clearly provoked. But they noted that Mr. Sharon had declined to spell out what exactly would constitute such a provocation, except to say that it would involve the killing of

Jews in Israel. The factors in these calculations have, in fact, changed little since the Palestinians first started using bases in South Lebanon in the late

The first major attack into Lebanon by Israeli forces came on Dec. 28, 1968, when commandos blew up 13 civilian airliners at Beirut airport in retaliation for a machine-gun attack by Palestinians on an Israeli plane at Athens.



# The ups and downs of Britain's SDP

By Barry May Reuser

GLASGOW - Roy Jenkins, the former cabinet minister seeking a return to the British Parliament after a spell as a European statesman, stared at his audience and declared: "This is the by-

election of the century." At the age of 61, the Welsh coal miner's son who became president of the European Economic Community's Commission is battling opponents half his age in a by-election that he believes will profoundly affect British politics.

For the Social Democratic Party (SDP) which he helped to found one year ago, the by-election in the Glasgow constituency of Hillhead on March 25 is a makeor-break watershed.

Its outcome is likely to determine whether the Social Democtats can regain lost momentum in their attempt to destroy the entrenched two-party system that has seen power swing back and forth

between the Conservative and Labour parties for most of this century.

"This election can alter the whole direction of British polities." Mr. Jenkins said at an election meeting." If either of the two major parties win they can sit back and heave a sigh of relief." The ruling Conservative Party

and the opposition Labour Party are trying to halt what at times has seemed like a relentless Social Democratic bandwagon. The Social Democrats' ratings, boosted by an electoral pact with the Liberal Party, reached a peak in November when Shirley Williams, a popular former minister, overturned a large Conservative majority to become the only Member of Parliament (MP) elected as a Social Democrat.

All 27 other SDP MPs in the 635-seat House of Commons were elected in the 1979 general election either on Labour or Conservative tickets and later defected to the new party. Recent public opinion polls have shown

support for the Liberal-Social Democratic alliance to be slipping. This decline was attributed to differences between the two partners over how to share out parliamentary seats to be contested in the next general election.

As the candidates in Hillhead go into the last week of campaigning, most polis agree that Mr. Jenkins is running a poor third behind the two major parties.

Mr. Jenkins argues that he never expected it to be easy. He believes there is a lot of potential support for him among the high proportion of voters who say they are undecided. He is the favourite of many Social Democrats to lead the new party, whose first anniversary is on the day after next week's ballot, into the general election that must be held by May

He has more experience of government than any of the SDPs other three founding ex-labour ministers and is the only one, according to political sources, to whom Liberal Party Leader David Steel would readily defer. But to be leader, the Social Democrats require that he first get back into

Mr. Jenkins narrowly lost his first bid to return to the House of Commons in the English town of Warrington last July. His backers in Hillhead commend him to the voters as a candidate of the utmost eminence, a man with a wealth of ministerial experience, a man who knows how to work the political machine, but with compassion,

and an alternative prime minister. His rivals accuse him of opportunism in his attempt to return to Parliament - carpetbabbing is the word they use.

Mr. Jenkins, an urbane Welshman who speaks in the accent and cadence of the English upper class, tells his audiences that, if elected, he will live in Hillhead and defend the seat for the rest of his political life.

If he loses -- "well, I think there's a limit to the number of by-elections that the human frame

Hillhead, three kilometres west of the centre of Glasgow, stretches from the ship-building and engincering works on the banks of the river Clyde to the elegant sandstone villas built in neo-classical style by 19th century industrialists who made it the British Empire's -second city.

Many lecturers and students of Glasgow University live in the district, which is reputed to have Britain's best educated electorate.

The by-election is essentially a four-way race between the Conservatives, who are defending a seat held for 33 years by the late Sir Thomas Galbraith, the Labour Party, the Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance, and the Scottish National Party.

The Nationalist Party, which wants independence for Scotland, is an established vehicle for disaffected Conservative or Labour supporters wishing to register a protest vote and could draw some. of the support that Mr. Jenkins hopes to win,

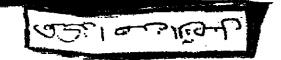
The Conservative is Gerald. Malone, a 31-year-old Glasgow lawyer running an energetic campaign with an air of bouncy.

confidence on his home ground. Labour's man is David Wiseman, a bearded 120 kilogramme Londoner who came to Glasgow 10 years ago to join the Lock Ness Monster Investigation Bureau and is now a Glasgow city councillot.

The Scottish Nationalist is George Leslie, 45, a veterinary surgeon and also a city councillor The four fringe candidates include a militant Baprist prescher crusading against a visit to Britain

by Pope John Paul at the end of May, a local doctor standing as an ecologist and a retired naval commander who has lost more than two dozen by-elections. Also, to thoroughly confine the

voters, mother Roy Jenishs 1997, resenting mother Social Della ocratic Party is standing He ! Englishman Douglas Parkin, with legally changed his name in Of to try to hann the ex-minister chances of election.



Grumbling and a scuffle, but most passengers pay up

LONDON (A.P.) — Hundreds of thousands of commuters got their first taste Monday of London's new, doubled fares-highest in the world. There were scattered protests and one scuffle between a bus conductor and a disgruntled passenger, but most passengers gru-

dgingly paid up.

Police reported a bus conductor was arrested in the city's King's Cross district after an argument with a passenger came to blows.

But most passengers appeared to be ignoring a call for nonpayment from Labour Party. members of the Greater London Council. They "can't pay, won't pay" campaign, named after a stage farce by Italian Anarchist Dario Fo Currently running in London's West End, urged passengers to pay only the old fares.

"You've got to be realistic," said secretary Vivien Aldred, 28, who signed a protest petition at the Belsize Park station. "You can't beat the system."

Labour transportation spokesman, Dave Wetzel, boarded a bus to London County Hall and refused to pay the full fare, urging other passengers to join him. But the passengers voted he should get

GLC leader Ken Livingstone conceded. "it is not part of the British tradition to get involved in something like that.

The new fares, which went into effect Sunday, raise the cost of a bus ride from 10 to 20 pence (18 to 36 cents) for journeys up to 1.6

kilometre, with corresponding hikes for longer distances up to 80 pence (\$1.44)

Subway fares rose from a minimum 20 pence (36 cents) to a minimum 40 pence (72 cents) for a short journey. The maximum single fare went from £1.60 to £3.20 (\$2.88 to \$5.76).

Parents with two children could pay £3.20 pounds (\$5.76) for a journey that cost 90 pence (\$1.62) last week. An Associated Press staffer travelling 9.6 kilometres on the District Line from Putney Bridge to Blackfriars found his ticket hiked from 40 pence (72 cents) to one pound (\$1.80).

London Transport had teams of inspectors at bus stops and stations and threatened legal action against any one refusing to pay. with fines up to £200 pounds or up to three months in prison.

"My return (round-trip) fare has gone up by £2 a week, which means the allowance I get from work has been completely swallowed up," said interior designer Anne Crocker, 20, "I know some people are angry about paying. but I don't fancy being thrown off

Conductor Sharon Barr, working the 139 bus from Brixton to the City of London financial district, said, "I'm surprised at how easy it's been so far. Passengers have complained about the increases, but nobody has refused to pay the full fare."

Last December, five law lords

from Britain's House of Lords--its highest court of appeal - ove-numed the action of the socialistled GLC in slashing fares by 25 per cent. The judges said the cou-ncil acted illegally in increasing London property taxes to help pay

for the cuts. The council aimed to encourage greater use of public transport and reduce the number of cars on the streets. In the six months the passengers increased 11.5 per cent and on subways 7 per cent.

London Transport said it had to hike the new fares so much above the old rates to make up for the projected loss of £123 million which it budgeted for from the tax increases—now denied it.

All over the capital Monday,

London Transport posters announcing the new fares were decorated with graffiti reading, ban "fares fair" plan operated, bus the House of Lords.

### GM, union reach accord on new labour contract

DETROIT, Michigan (R) -General Motors, the biggest U.S. car manufacturer, and the United Auto Workers Union said they reached tentative agreement on a new labour contract last night after 37 hours of non-stop bargaining.

The proposed accord was similar in most respects to one ratified last month by the union's membership at the Ford Motor Company under which the workers agreed to forego wage increases in return for greater job security.

Industry analysts estimated that the contract would save General Motors more than \$2 billion.

It will be considered by the union's General Motors council in Chicago on Thursday and, if approved, go to the rank-and-file membership for a vote.

The proposed contract does not include an annual pay increase and it defers cost-of-living rises for nine months.

But General Motors agreed to recall 10,000 of its 150,000 workers now on indefinite lay-off and to reopen four of seven plants it closed in February.

Union President Douglas Fraser told reporters that this was the most difficult single issue of the negotiations.

Alfred Warren, General Motors vice president for industrial relations, said the company was very pleased with the agreement.

It included a profit-sharing plan based on the company's net worth and assets, whereas Ford's profitsharing plan was based on sales in North America.

Mr. Fraser said he believed the General Motors formula was probably the better way to handle profit-sharing in the long run.

#### U.K. prefers

lower oil price

LONDON (R) — Energy Secretary Nigel Lawson said Sunday it was in Britain's interests to have lower rather than higher oil prices.

Mr. Lawson told a radio interviewer that the British National Oil Corporation's recent decision to cut its oil price by \$4 to \$31 a barrel was made after carefully studying the market, which was currently very weak.

In a reference to OPEC's attempt to stabilise oil prices during the world-wide glut by limiting production, Mr. Lawson said: "If it should be the case that as a result of the steps OPEC have agreed, the market firms up, prices could go up again."

He added: "What we have to do in this country is calmly to sit back. The pressure is not on us. We have a competitive price now. The pressure is on OPEC."

### French franc under new pressure

LONDON (A.P.) — The French franc, under new pressure after weekend election reverses suffered by France's left, hit another record low early Monday as the U.S. dollar firmed and gold moved

The left-wing ruling coalition of Socialist President François Mitterrand lost ground to centre-right parties in runoff local elections Sunday. The development increased investor worry over the course of Mitterrand's economic policies, dealers said. As a result, the U.S. dollar hit a record high of 6.2475 francs in early trading Monday. Friday's late rate was a record 6.2175.

The dollar also edged up against most other major currencies, hitting an all-time high against the Italian lira.

In Tokyo, the dollar was untraded because of a national holiday. In London, the dollar was trading at 244.33, up from Friday's late Japanese rate of 243.60.

London's five main bullion dealers fixed an indicative price of \$318.50 a troy ounce for gold bullion, up from \$316.25 late Friday.

In early trading in Zurich, the precious metal was also quoted at \$318.50 an ounce, up from \$315.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold rose

\$1.15 to close at \$322.98. Silver bullion was quoted in early trading Monday at \$7.05 a troy ounce, compared with \$7.035

### EEC jobless rate drops slightly

BRUSSELS (R) — The number of people out of work in the European Economic Community (EEC) dropped slightly last month to 10.7 million, but the underlying trend is still towards more unemployment, the EEC commission said Monday.

It said in a statement that a 0.8 per cent fall in unemployment last

month compared to January represented nothing more than a normal seasonal trend, and the number of jobless would continue to climb.

But the rate of increase in unemployment, which has been running at about two per cent a month, would probably slow to

The commission said last month's unemployment figure, representing 9.5 per cent of the EEC workforce, was 25.5 per cent up on February 1981. The sharpest year-on-year rise was in West Germany, where unemployment rose 48.9 per cent, followed by the Netherlands with a 42.1 per cent rise.

## Sulphur: From shortage to plenty

By a Special correspondent

Sulphur has long been recognised as the workhorse of the chemical industry and as such, an important barometer of the prevailing economic climate. Sulphuric acid accounts for 90 per cent of sulphur end uses, the balance is mainly non-acid brimstone used for chemicals, pharmaceuticals and pest control. Sulphuric acid itself has a wide range of uses, although over half of total consumption goes into fer-

The sulphur market over the past three years has been in chaos. especially for Western Europe which is heavily dependent on imported material. The only European producers of consequence are France and West Germany. Problems began with three totally unrelated incidents which led to supply shortages and escalating prices.

Firstly, in Poland, severe weather conditions in 1979 froze the distribution system for exports to the Western world. This was followed by flooding of an important sulphur mine. Secondly, the Iranian revolution had a devastating effect on sulphur exports. Then the year ended with an accident in Vancouver which effectively closed one of Canada's 1 export terminals.

The net result was a heavy wit-

following year, 1980, saw little improvement in the industry's fortunes. Canada's export disruption continued until the beginning of April, while in Poland, the growth of union activities centred on Gdansk -- the main sulphur export centre -- interrupting export shioments. Just when everyone thought the

situations was improving, the Gulf war broke out and affected frag's export-orientated sulphur industry. As a result, 750,000 tons of Iraqi material were removed from the market in addition to the 200,000 tons of Iranian sulphur. Once again, North American

producers dug deep into inventories to fill the void. Inevitably, the supply disruption had its impact on prices as rapidly rising spot prices influenced contract prices. Thus, contracts for the first half of hdrawal from world stocks. The 1981, negotiated in late 1980,

of 1979.

During the 1981, the position improved considerably as more supplies became available in spite of the continued problems in the Middle East and Poland. By midvear the recession had begun to affect the demand for sulphur and derivatives. Demand eased so much that by the end of 1981 the market was characterised not by a shortage but a glut of sulphur.

This downturn had two results. The fertiliser industry, itself sufering from falling demand, began to reschedule deliveries of sulphur from late 1981 to late 1982. Furthermore, the rapid increase in sulphur prices coupled with a declining requirement for sulphuric acid brought about the closure of a number of sulphuric acid plants. In the U.K. over 570,000 tons of capacity was closed or mothballed between 1980-1982.

Within the space of a little over a year the market had turned almost full circle, from shortage to surplus. However, once again political events played a role. although not to the extent of earlier years, in the form of further disruption of Polish material, culminating in virtual withdrawal of supply during the period of mar-

The latest interruption has, however, been insufficient to affect the 1982 contract prices. With

were raised to levels twofold those — a backdrop of weakening demand from all sectors, the absence of Polish material was indeed almost a welcome respite to producers. Nevertheless, for the first time for the past three years, sulphur contract prices in Western Europe were unchanged.

> Producers did not have to look far for the reasons: the availability of Canadian material and those producers using costly remelt facilities were reluctant to reduce operating rates; and the pending introduction of almost 1 million tons of recovered sulphur from Saudi Arabia through 1982. When combined with the expectations of slack demand in 1982, it was not surprising that contract prices remained unchanged.

in the short term, the future of the market is not considered very promising. As sulphur performance is inexorably linked to that of the overall economy, predictions of continued economic stgnation are not welcomed by sulphur producers. Furthermore, ample availability of material should preclude any tightening from the supply end. The only provision is that a prolonged absence of Polish sulphur, allied to the fact that U.S. stocks are at unacceptably low levels, could change the picture but at the moment, this is unl-

-- Financial Times news feature

### LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed mixed Monday after a quiet session and at 1500 the F.T. index was down 5.4 at 557.3.

Government bonds continued to draw encouragement from last week's inflation figures and rose up to % point. The better than expected U.S. money supply data was an additional positive factor, dealers added.

The domestic equity market drifted easier but gold shares and North American issues firmed slightly.

GEC closed 8p down at 821 while falls of 4p or 5p were noted in ICI, GKN and Beechara. Turner and Newall was 7p off at 65p on further reflection of results announced last week but BICC was 5p higher at 343 ahead are sults due Wednesday, dealers said. In mixed oils, Lasmo was 10p lower ahead of figures due Tuesday and B.P. was 2p easier at 286 after opening at 280p.

Banks and insurances lost ground. Eisewhere bid speculation lifted Pearson Longman to 260p from 250p, dealers said.

#### **LONDON EXCHANGE** RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One sterling	1.8025/35
One U.S. dollar	1.2205/07
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#### **AMMAN AIRPORT**

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#### LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

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Eggplant (small)	170	Potatoes (local)160	120 .
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Marrow (small)	130	Apples (Golden)250	
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Cucumber (small)	300	Apples (English)	200 :
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"But I still am fourth in world

The Swede also pointed out that

when he plays eight tournaments

he goes through more matches

than many others playing 10 or

more tournaments but are kno-

Borg emphasised that although

he would probably succeed in any

qualification round it would not

necessarily be all that easy for him

because any young opponent

The Swede, who won the Wim-

bledon title five times, stressed

that his absence from tennis had

been a necessity to recover phy-

sically and mentally from over-

exertion and injuries. He said he

was determined to play "som-

ewhat fewer tournaments" in the

Monte Carlo Grand Prix.

"My final decision will come

after that," Borg was quoted as

Wales to play Spain

without top strikers

CARDIFF (R) - Injury-hit

Wales have called up strikers Ian

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### TENNIS TALK

### Mixed doubles

By Maureen Stalla

MIXED DOUBLES can be a fascinating and complicated game. It is a doubles match where the teams are usually uneven. Because of this, both the man and the woman have certain problems to overcome.

The woman is usually intimidated in the match. She is nervous about letting her partner down, and also afraid her opponent will slam balls at her. Her fear must be put aside and she must hold her own. The players should work as a team. If the woman has a definite deficiency they should discuss it before the match and adapt their tactics accordingly. Even though the man usually takes the tough shots and most smashes, the woman must play her side. If the other team is playing the woman, she must dig in and get the ball back until her partner can attack. She should lob often and direct her balls to the lady.

The man has to decide how he is going to play with respect to the woman on the other team. Most tennis books and coaches advocate going for her jugular. In professional doubles this is fair. But in purely social doubles I think he should not terrorise his female opponent. Winning in social doubles should be secondary to having a good time and keeping good friends. However, in a tournament it is expected that you play the lady--it is the logical thing to do. The man should serve first as his serve is stronger and it is important to take the first game. There are two exceptions: If the woman would wind up serving in the sun, perhaps she should serve first; and if there is a stiff wind blowing the length of the court, it might be wise to let her serve with it to give her serve more speed. The man should not ease up on his serve to the woman—that is like giving away points.

The man should play the backhand side, assuming he is the stronger player. Even if she is left handed this is usually best because this is the side where close games are decided and it is best to have your strength there. Poaching is good doubles. But be sure, in social doubles, not to take all the balls or you will irritate the other players and, if you are playing with your wife, you will pay for it later.

In the end, your success in mixed doubles, as in any doubles, depends on your teamwork. Work out your strengths and weaknesses together and you will find mixed doubles to be interesting and rewarding in its own way.

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### Swedish tennis ace refuses to go through Wimbledon qualification

COPENHANGEN (A.P.) -Sweden's Bjorn Borg was reported dead set Monday against going through qualification play for the Wimbledon or French Open tennis tournament or meet demands that he bring his number of Grand Prix tournament to ten.

Reached by phone at an undisclosed place somewhere in Europe, the 25-year-old Swede told Copenhagen's tabloid B.T. he there should be special rules for

plans to chalk up a total of 8 him. Grand Prix tournaments, no more no less.

Borg will end a 5-month absence from international tennis here Tuesday night when he plays American Vitas Gerulaitis for \$30,000 in an exhibition match.

Borg was quoted as telling the B.T. that he is not "a tennis ham" and that he does not insist that

#### Lendl wins \$300,000 WCT Strasbourg indoor tennis

STRASBOURG, France (R) - Czech Ivan Lendl swept aside Tim Mayotte, an unseeded 21-year-old American, in straight sets 6-0, 7-5, 6-1 Sunday to take the championship match of the \$300,000 World Championship Tennis (WCT) Strasbourg indoor tennis tou-

The match which lasted one hour and 43 minutes, left Lendi \$100,000 Richer and qualified him for the WCT finals in Dallas April 20-26.

It was the first time Mayotte, ranked 31st, had ever reached the

finals of a major tournament. He won \$32,000 as runner-up. Lendl was the tournament's top seed after an ankle injury forced John McEnroe to withdraw before play began. The 22-year-old Czech reached the title match without ever losing a set.

It was Lendl's third successive WCT title after Genoa and Munich and equals the WCT's record held by Rod Laver. Despite his loss, Mayotte said it had been "fun" to play Lendl, who

has now won all three of their encounters. You can hit groundies hard and it shows you what it takes to become really great," said Mayotte, who was a quarter finalist at Wimbledon la st year.

#### Braxton knocks out Martin in round six, retains WBC title

LAS VEGAS - Dwight Braxton retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight championship Monday night when the referee stopped his fight against Jerry Martin of Antigua at 2:30 minutes of the sixth round.

Braxton, defending his 175-pound title for the first time, showed little finesse but was in control from the opening bell. Martin, in his third light-beavyweight title fight, had plenty of heart but no defense against the swarming, relentless Braxton.

The end came after nine jarring. unanswered punches. A rightleft-right combination to the head by Braxton forced Martin onto the ropes where he took another leftthe head before referee Davy Pearl stopped the punishment.

The fight almost ended in the second round when Braxton, of Camden, New Jersey, knocked Martin down twice. Martin, dazed and wobbly, survived the round only to undergo three and a half more rounds of savage pum-

Braxton opened a cut on the outside corner of Martin's right eve in the third round and it bled for the rest of the fight as did a cut inside the challenger's mouth.

Braxton, 29, has now won 16 successive fights and has a record of 17-1-1 with 10 knockouts. He was ahead on all three judges' scorecards, six points on two of them right combination to the side of and five points on the other.

#### England takes on Spanish club Athletic Bilbao

BILBAO, Spain (R) — England take on Spanish club side Athletic Bilbao here Tuesday in the stadium where they will play their World Soccer Cup group matches in June.

And while Ron Greenwood's side take an early look at the San Mames Stadium, Josef Venglos and Michel Hidalgo, managers of Cezchoslovakia and France, who are in the same group, are expected to be in the crowd to assess England's form.

England last played in Spain two years ago when they scored a convincing 2-0 victory over the Spanish national side in Barcelona, but that result has since been reversed in London a year ago.

Club calls mean England have been deprived of some of their main players for Tuesday's match. The absentees will include winger Laurie Cunningham, recalled to the side by Greenwood but then withdrawn by his Spanish club Real Madrid after being sent off in a UEFA Cup match in West Germany last week.

Athletic Bilbao are a young side with an average age of 24. But in Francisco Rojo, their 35-year-old captain and left winger who has 18 international caps, they possess one of the most experienced players in the Spanish League.

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**Amman Municipality Health Affairs Department** 

#### Australia grabs 3rd test

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (A.P.) - Australia won the third cricket test against New Zealand by eight wickets here Monday after being set a target of 69

runs in their second innings. The victory squared the series at one test all and maintained Australia's record of never having lost a series to New Zealand.

New Zealand reached 272 intheir second innings, highlighted by a fine 141 by opener John Wright. After resuming Monday mor-ning at seven for 181 Wright and

would "fight madly just to be able Lance Cairns took their eighthto say later that they took a set off wicket stand to 49 before Cairns was leg before to Bruce Yardley.
Although Wright's innings, which spanned nearly six hours, provided a measure of comfort for New Zealand Australia were unt-

> They lost openers Graeme Wood at 24 and Bruce Laird at 60 and scored the winning runs off leg

Borg said the Wimbledon org-Greg Chappell, whose supanisers may make a move to solve erlative 176 set up the Australian the situation. Meanwhile he will victory, won the mantest his own strength here against Gerulaitis, in Portugal in another of-the-match award and was also judged sportsman-of-the-series. exhibition match and then in the New Zealand fast bowler Ric-

> hard Hadlee, who took 14 wickets in the tests, was named manof-the-series. Australian captain Greg Chappell completed the series as the

runs at 78.33. The other batsmen to top 200 in the three tests were Bruce Edgar with 278 at 55.60, Graeme Wood with 229 at 45.80, and Wright with 200 at 40.00.

outstanding batsman, scoring 235

against World Soccer Cup hosts Leading wicket-takers were Spain in Valencia on Wednesday. Hadlee, with 14 at 16.14, and Bruce Yardley, whose 13 wickets at 23.90 gave him an aggregate of four of his original 16-strong 51 wickets in nine tests this seasquad through injury: Liverpool forward Ian Rush, Leighton

> Chappell has made himself unavailable for the Australian tour to Pakistan later this year.

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN €11981 by Chicago Tribune

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The United States won its fourth straight World Championship by defeating Pakistan in the Bermuda Bowl final played in Port Chester, N.Y. last October. The final margin was handsome, considering that after 48 of the 96 boards had been played, the Middle East representatives held a slight edge. But the United States dominated the next set of 16 boards

and built a comfortable lead. Early in the last 32-board session, the Pakistanis had one last chance to get back into contention. This was the hand. In the closed room the Pakistan players in the

North-South seats reached four diamonds. a contract that was just made after a trump lead.

In the Open Room, with Pakistan East-West. West made a light opening bid of one heart. North's jump to three hearts showed a solid, one-suited hand and asked his partner to bid three no trump if he had the other suits stopped. East doubled to show heart tolerance and some values, and South elected to bid three no trump with his heart stopper despite the fact that his guard in the club suit could, at best, be described as tenuous.

East expressed grave doubts about declarer being able to bring home his con-tract, and there are those who believe that it would have been prudent for South to retreat to his partner's long suit. Instead, he elected to pass and stuck to his guns

when his partner redoubled! Now everything hinged on the opening lead. A heart would give declarer ten tricks; a spade would hold him to nine. But a club lead would allow the defense to take the first ten tricks.

West thought for a long time before leading-a spade. Declarer took his nine tricks in a hurry, and the United States won 10 IMPs on the deal and put the match beyond all doubt. But had West found the club lead, his side would have scored 2200 points, or 20 IMPs, and they would still have had a sporting chance.

### Brazil snatches a 1-0 victory over W. Germany

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Brazil produced a typical moment of magic to snatch a 1-0 victory over West Germany Sunday night and gain a psychological boost for the

World Soccer Cup finals. The deadlock in the warm-up clash between the favourites for the Spain finals starting in June

after 82 minutes.

Just when Brazil seemed almost to have lost their way, Junior set the Maracan Stadium ablaze with a perfect piece of teamwork with Flamengo clubmate Adilio.

Junior, loose on the left, slipped the ball square to Adilio and raced through to volley the return lob

#### India's tour of England looks on

LONDON (A.P.) - S.K. Wankhede, President of the Indian Cricket Board, said Monday he is confident India's tour of England this summer will go ahead, despite the wildcat tour of South Africa by

a group of rebel English players. Wankhede visited Lords, headquarters of cricket, and met members of the Test and County Cricket Board.

He expressed approval of the board's decision to ban the rebels from test cricket for three years. Wankhede told newsmen he also appreciated "the initiative

shown by the individual counties in agreeing not to select those English players taking part in the tour of South Africa for games against the tourists."

The unofficial South African tour threatened to undermine England's cricket relations with other Commonwealth countries and to disrupt this year's tour by India and Pakistan.

The Indian board is expected to make its official decision on the tour by the end of this month. Pakistan's reaction was still awaited.

But the Brazilians had to survive a late West German assault; and only two magnificent saves by Valdir Peres prevented the vis-

bursting in the night sky.

itors from equalising. The two-pronged German artack was fast and impressive but the team played too detensively to give Pierre Littbarski and Horst Hrubesch the backup they nee-

Paul Breitner, Manfred Kaltz and others broke dangerously from defence but in general the visitors preferred to have many men back to keep the Brazilians

For most of the first half Brazil had difficulty getting a shot at goal from nearer than outside the penalty area and almost all attempts were blocked or charged

down. • Zico had the persistent Matthaeus in constant attendance and was unable to produce his best. Midfielder Adilio, brought in to replace injured captain Socrates,

received a tremendous reception ing, the crowd roaring and rockets from the 165,000 crowd though he muffed a good chance just before the interval.

After 60 minutes West Ger-

many survived a period of intense Brazilian pressure. Zico evaded Matthaeus long enough for two goal attempts and Maracana began to warm up, but the Brazilians could not pierce West Germany's defence.

The game then faltered slightly and mistakes crept in as a few whistles from the demanding crowd made the Brazilian team nervous.

The sweetest move of the match came 10 minutes from time when Littbarski flipped the ball goaiwards and Valdir Peres brought off a magnificent save.

Then came Junior's goal to stun a German team tired from the hot sultry weather and the long flight to South America on Friday night.

But they came back gamely to stretch Valdir Peres again and a second Brazilian goal never looked likely.

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## TIME

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Behind the battle of Hama (turmoil in Syria)

## The World News Magazine

The cauldron in Central America (report on El Salvador and Nicaragua)

# A land blessed by nature

PAKISTAN has the unique distinction stemming from what. Campbell-Johnson calls "the tyranny of the clock' of being the first British colonial territory to achieve independence in the post-war years.

Product of one of history's biggest mass movements for freedom, and Islamic way of life, the state was founded as a homeland for Muslims where they would order their lives in accordance with the teachings of their faith marked by egalitarianism and the brotherhood of man.

This spirit animates the land and its people -- a bountiful, and at places, hauntingly beautiful land; and a people, hardy, industrious and often uncomplaining. Lodged in a sensitive junction of South Asia and the Middle East, the country, which celebrates its National Day on March 23, sprawls over 7,868,788 square kilometres -- as big as France and

Britain put together. Mountaineers' paradise: from the warm waters of the Arabian Sea, it sweeps over the bare deserts, upland pastures, rolling wheat, rice and cotton fields, mighty rivers and lakes and the fertile valleys set deep in the vast silences

of the highest mountains in the

world. Three of the world's great mountain ranges — the Himalayas, the Karakoram and the Hindu Kush rub shoulders here. The K-2 (the second highest peak in the world) thrusts 9420 metres into the sky followed closely by Nanga Parbat (8875 metres) and Rakaposhi (8535 metres).

Huddled, additionally, within a 24-metre radius are another 20 jagged peaks above 8350 metres and 30 of lesser height in what has come to be known as a mountaineers' paradise.

This cluster of mountain ranges is not only awesomely mag-

istan and China. The people: The people of Pakistan belong in general to the Indo-Aryan group. The region however has been the melting pot of several racial and ethnic strains: nificent; it is also an invaluable the pre-Dravidian and Dravidian stocks mingled with those from central Asia: the Aryans, Nac-

> and Mongols. The final blend may be said to be predominantly Caucasian general type with some Mediterranean strains (as also in Iran, Afghanistan and the Persian

terians, Persians, Arabs, Turks

protection against the icy winds

that blow across the Siberian ste-

deposit their moisture as snow

which lies on the high ground until

the heat of summer sends it rus-.

hing in thousands of torrents down

the steep valleys to the parched

This annual flow, the main

Silk Route: Between the sea in

the south and the mountains in the

north, Pakistan's central location in the South Asia is accentuated

India lies on its east, on the

South-West Iran, on the north and

north-west Afghanistan. Pakistan

shares a common border with

China up north. The Soviet Union

is separated from Pakistan by a

Historically, Pakistan has lain

on the ancient world's invasion

routes as well as the travel trial

from Europe to Asia, the Silk

travel route - traversed by the

world's most remarkable tourist.

Marco Polo, the famous Chinese

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Bernuni - is now transformed

into the all-weather Karakoram

Highway which links Islamabad

with Kashgar, Urumchi and other

fabled cities of Chinese Sinking.

The only difference today is that

gaily painted trucks and lorries

have replaced the shaggy two-

humped Bacterian camels, to spur

a brisk border trade between Pak-

and the Arab historian Al-

Part of this romantic trade and

thin strip of Afghan territory.

water supply of the country, is helped by monsoon rains which

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by her borders.

Route.

Climbing this vast barrier, they

ppes from the Artic Circle.

Indeed, the Iranian and Turkic

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A well at an excavated site of Mohenjodaro

strains predominate though, obviously there are several regional variations. In the northern areas, for example, the central and western Asian types are prominent.

In the north-west frontier province and parts of Baluchistan, the Pathans (of Pakhtuns) are an admixture of the Turkic and Iranian strains.

The Baluch trace their origin to the Chaldean branch of the Sem-

etic race. In the Punjab and Sind, the Indo-Aryans with assimilations of other strains from Asia, predominate. Among them are also the ten to twelve millions who migrated to Pakistan from almost all the states of India.

Overwhelmingly Muslim (96 per cent), Pakistan's 80 million population includes Christians (1.4 per cent), Hindus (1.5 per cent), Parsis (around 6,000) and Buddhists and others (a few hun-

Ancient civilisation: One of the most ancient lands known to man, Pakistan's excavated cities thrived before Babylon was built; its people cultivated the graces of good living and developed their civic life four thousand years before the

The ruins of the Buddhist monastries in the north at Taxila. Swat and Peshawar lay bare the great

By Vinson

tradition of the Gandhara School of Art and Sculpture, spawned by the impact of the culture of Greece and Rome on local craftsmanship. Down south flo-urished B.C. 2,500, the Indus Valley Civilisation, one of the oldest known to man, contemporary with

those of Egypt, Mesopotamia and

China. The remains of the Indus Valley cities of Mohenjodaro and Harappa astonish the world with their well laid-out streets and brickbuilt houses, complete with batbrooms, stairways and underground drainage. Even a municipal bath and a central grain storage silo was provided. The Mohenjodaro people were overwhelmed probably by the Aryan invasion which triggered the great migrations into the area from central Asia of the Bacterians, Scythians, the Parthians, the White Huns, the Kushans, Persians, Tuks and Mongois.

The Muslims appeared in A.D. 712 when the Arab General Mohammad Bin Qasim landed nea modern Karachi.

Starting in the 10th century, Muslim rule over the region lasted till the 18th when the British became masters of the land, withdrawing finally 100 years later when Pakistan was born.

Economic upsurge: Pakistan's nascent independence, like that of many other Third World countries, did not run a smooth or easy course. Its significant achievement, however, has been on the economic front.

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only three textile milk, the area today has 148 textile mills with four million installed spindles and 30,000 looms; about 2,000 engincering units, three oil refineries and heavy industrial outfits like the Machine Tool Factory, Karachi. the Chinese-built Heavy Mechanical Complex and the Heavy Forge and Foundary, Taxila, the new Port Bin Qasim, the Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works, the Karachi Nuclear Power Plant and the Russian-aided Karachi Steel

Pakistani exports today comprise, apart from the traditional items, as astonishing range of manufactured goods. These include ships (delivered to China, UAE, Iran etc.) railway wagons, electrical goods and telephone equipment, transports, a wide range of textiles, engineering products, typewriters, petroleum products, pharmaceuticals and petro-chemicals.

The competitive edge of Pakistani goods is maintained through continuous modernisation of productive capacity, research, improvement in technology and regorous application of quality con-

Pakistan's exports registered a rise of 25.1 per cent during the year, according to the latest (1980-81) annual report of the State Bank of Pakistan.

This despite stiff international competition, resort to protectionism by some countries and general recession and stagilation abroad.

There are, of course, soft spots in the economy -- the balance of payments difficulties, tardy private sector investments, rising population and a galloping oil import bill which account for as much as one-fourth of the total value of imports.

These disquieting features are somewhat cushioned by steadily rising remittances of around two million Pakistanis working abroad.

Last year they sent home \$2.2. billion, an increase of 348 million over the previous year.

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### The joys of oil wealth

By Thomas Thomson Reuter

JEBEL DHANNA, United Arab Emirates-White-robed schoolboys turned out here last week to cheer their president are part of a new breed of desert Arabs.

They live hundreds of kilometres from the nearest town in the remote desert of Abn Dhabi where the bedouin for centuries scratched a bare existence from the hostile sand.

But the families of Jebel Dhanna live in houses protected against the desert heat by air conditioning and their children go to modern schools. At night, they can attend a social centre equipped even with a basketball court.

The desert township of more than 1,000 homes is part of a fourbillion-dollar oil and natural gas complex inaugurated this week by the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) President, Sheikh Zaid Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan.

More than a thousand guests, including the U.A.E. cabinet, Sheikhs from the emirate's ruling family and the entire diplomatic corps, travelled the 250 kilometres from Abu Dhabi city for the opening of

the Ruwais complex. Brass and bagpipe bands marched outside as Sheikh Zaid gave a banquet for his guests.

The inauguration of Ruwais industrial city symbolised the growing power of the Gulf oil-exporting countries over the last decade. Until 1978, Jebel Dhanna was a sleepy fishing village whose inh

abitants earned a bare livelihood from the waters of the Gulf. Today, the complex includes a large 120,000 barrels per day (b/d) oil refinery that has made the UAE self-sufficient in petrol and refined products. The refinery, which cost more than \$500 million, processes crude

oil from the emirate's main onshore fields of Bab, Buhassa and Initial plans to pump crude from Abu Dhabi's offshore oilfields

were shelved after its owners, state-owned Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) last year postponed plans to expand the refinery's capacity, ADNOC officials said.

A \$2.2-billion gas liquefaction plant, the largest single project ever undertaken by the Abu Dhabi government, processes for export gas which previously was flared off and wasted. The gas plant is fed with so-called associated gas separated from

the crude oil and treated to produce butane, propane and pentane. Its owner, Abu Dhabi gas industries, is owned 68 per cent by ADNOC, 15 per cent by Compagnie Française des Petroles, 15 per cent by the Royal Dutch/Shell group and two per cent by Partex. The plant is designed to process 6.2 million tonnes a year of gas,

but ADNOC officials said output this year would likely be about a third of that because of cuts in UAE crude oil production. All the output is being exported to Japan under five-year contracts

signed with seven japanese companies.

A \$200-million fertiliser plant is being built and should be finished by the middle of next year. It is two-thirds owned by ADNOC and one-third by Compagnie Française des Petroles. Other plans for Ruwais include a hydrocracking unit which will

process 30,000 b/d of heavy crude into lighter and more valuable products, company officials said.

Nearby, two long jetties jet out into the Gulf to load the crude and gas onto large tankers. But for many of the guests at this week's official ceremony, the

most remarkable feature of the complex was the housing estate for the thousands of workers. Dwarfed by three large water towers, the township includes shops,

supermarkets, a hospital, schools and mosques. A desalination plant produces fresh water and the town has its own power station. Executive jets bring oil company officials from Abu Dhabi to the town's small airstrip while a helipad is used by helicopters from

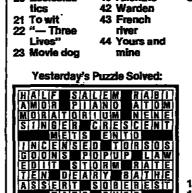
offshore oilrigs.

A new hotel, its bedrooms giving a view over the bleak desert, sells draught English beer to visiting oilmen and provides cabaret by an English singing trio.

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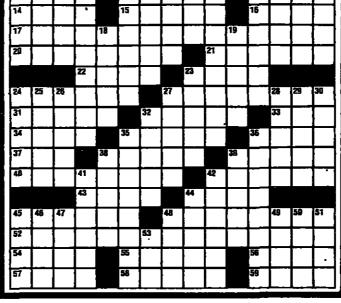
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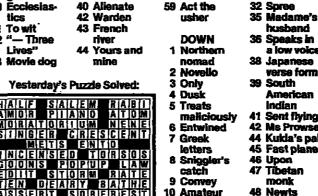
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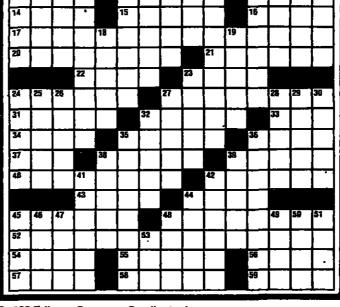
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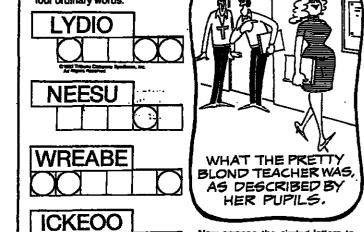
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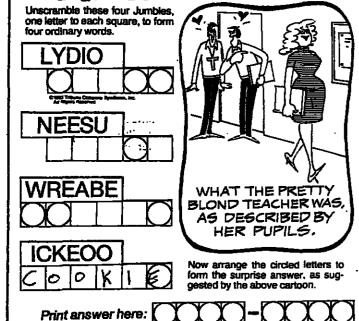
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Answer: What a soap opera usually is— CORN ON THE SOB

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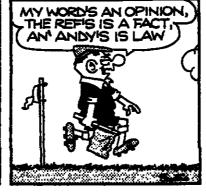




#### **Andy Capp**







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Columbia goes up again on longest mission yet

## Space shuttle blasts off

ncies) - The U.S. space shuttle Columbia blasted off Monday on a seven-day flight, its third and longest mission so far.

The delta-winged craft, carrying astronauts Jack Lousma and Gordon Fullerton, took off an hour late due to a last-minute problem with some ground support equipment.

At 11 a.m. (1600 GMT), Columbia rode a plume of flame up into the sky over the Atlantic Ocean. Shortly afterwards it rolled over to an upside down position as it arced over the ocean.

A little more than two minutes into the flight, Columbia jettisoned the two booster rockets that helped propel it

The two 45-metre boosters, their 500,000 kilogrammes of solid fuel spent, fell back into the ocean, where two ships were wai-

The spacecraft continued to climb toward orbit, propelled by its three liquid fuel main engines. It disappeared momentarily into a

biast off, Columbia reached orbital height and the main engines automatically cut off.

ogrammes of liquid oxygen and hydrogen, was then separated

The blimp-like tank fell towards Earth, burning up as it re-entered

the atmosphere over the Indian Осеап. By that time Columbia was in an eliptical orbit, and it needed two "burns" of smaller onboard roc-

kets to put itself in a circular orbit. The launch from the seaside spaceport was witnessed; by an estimated one million people who crammed beaches and roadways for kilometres around. It was also broadcast live by all the major

American television networks. Space centre officials played host to thousands of government officials, diplomats, former astronauts and other dignitaries.

The primary objective of the space shuttle's third mission is to make a detailed examination of the space environment immediately surrounding the orbiting

Scientists are concerned not only with how the orbiter may be affected by its travels through space, but also with its own impact

Flying 130 nautical miles up in the ionosphere, the spacecraft passes through a stream of highly charged particles -- solar wind-emanating from the sun.

These energetic particles are expected to have an impact on the scientific experiments on board the shuttle and the Columbia's delicate instruments will be measuring these effects.

Two instruments carried by Columbia will be lifted out of its

#### Haig accuses Soviet Union of chemical

warfare

WASHINGTON (R) — The cargo bay by the shuttle's long United States Monday linked mechanical arm and waved arothe Soviet Union to the use of toxins and other chemical war-On the last mission, the 15fare agents which it estimated metre arm failed to function prohad killed over 10,000 people perly and a goal for this mission is in Laos, Kampuchea and Afgto give it a thorough flexing for hanistan in the past seven vears.

> Secretary of State Alexander Haig told Congress international accords banning chemical and biological arms were "in danger of being swept away by a new tide of agg-

In a 32-page report to Congress, he said the United States compiled a mass of "compelling evidence that tens of thousands of... peoples have for a period of years been subected to a campaign of chemical attacks."

The evidence, Mr. Haig said, led to three conclusions: -- Lao and Vietnamese forces, operating under Soviet supervision, had, since 1975,

employed lethal chemical and

toxin weapons in Laos. -- Vietnamese forces since 1978 had used lethal chemical and toxin agents in Kampuchea.

- Soviet forces had used a variety of lethal chemical agents including nerve gases in Afghanistan since 1979.

### S. African blacks mark Sharpeville uprising day

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Church services were held throughout South Africa Sunday to mark the twenty-second anniversary of the Sharpeville upr-

und to take measurements.

several hours each day.

a back-up airstrip.

Unlike the first two flights,

when Columbia landed in Cal-

ifornia, this mission is scheduled

to end in southern New Mexico at

dry lakebed in the Mojave Desert

east of Los Angeles, left the clay

runways unsuitable for landing.

Base ready for emergency

WHITE SANDS MISSILE

RANGE, New Mexico - About

100 technicians, lacking time for a

dress rehearsal, were ready beside

'a score of custom vehicles here

Monday in case problems forced

Columbia to end its third space

The recovery convoy, more

than 1,500 tons of unique equ-

ipment sent by train from the shu-

ttle's soggy California landing

strip, did not arrive on the fine

white sand of Northrup strip at

this sprawling base until Sunday.

Rain at the usual landing site, a

ising, which saw 69 blacks killed. On March 21, 1960, South African police shot dead 69 people and wounded 186 others in the southern Transvaal township of Sharpeville during a demonstration which was part of a campaign against laws to control the movement of blacks.

Wreaths were laid on the graves of the 69 in Sharpeville, and in the vast black township of Soweto almost one thousand blacks met at St. Hilda's Anglican Church in the day's largest gathering.

government weekly newspaper said that 22 years after the massacre, South Africa's racists were living on borrowed time.

The Sunday News said in an editorial: "The situation in South Africa keeps worsening. There have been many Sharpevilles since March 21, 1960, as the regime's repressive measures and show of force continue unbated."

"Since that day there has been increased realisation of the urgent need to effectively ostracise Pretoria," the newspaper said.

"The white minority regime's vain attempt to preserve through violence the status quo is effectively being challenged by the anti-apartheid liberation movement and it is becoming a fact that the racists are living on borrowed time," it added.

## French conservatives edge out Socialists in cantonal elections

PARIS (R) — Decisive local election gains have strengthened France's conservative opposition and posed a strategy problem for the Socialist administration, nine months after it swept into office.

The Socialist Party failed in final round polling Sunday for department, or county, councils to reverse a first round slide to the opposition RPR and UDF gro-

Despite an all-out campaign last week led by Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, the Socialists and their left-wing allies took only 31 per cent of the council seats. They are expected to lose control of between six and eight of the 95 departments. They held 44.

The foreign exchange market reacted quickly to the results and the franc, battered in a speculative

NAPLES (R) - More than 1,000

people were homeless after earth

tremors across southern Italy

Sunday, according to first official

Some towns suffered damage to

80 per cent of their buildings, but

only slight injuries were reported

in the tremors that rocked a huge

stretch of Campania, Basilicata

and Calabria, the area hit by a

devastating quake in 1980. One

official said the light casualties

The government's high com-

missioner for civil protection, Giuseppe Zamberletti, was coo-

rdinating relief efforts with off-

icials here and families were being

housed in mobile homes and uno-

ccupied holiday hotels on the

The two towns worst hit by the

tremors were Maratea on the Cal-

abria coastal strip and Papasidero

near Cosenza. In Papasidero 80

per cent of the houses were uni-

nhabitable, the town centre was

assessments Monday.

were a miracle.

tide last week, came under new pressure, falling to record lows against the dollar and the West German mark.

With about 30 per cent of the vote, the Socialist Party remains France's most popular party, but political leaders and commentators from both sides said to. electorate had given a lesson to the administration of President François Mitterrand.

The biggest victor in the cantonal elections was the neo-Gaullist Rassemblement Pour la Republique (RPR), led by former prime minister and presidential candidate Jacques Chirac. The RPR took over 348 seats,

confirming its position as the main opposition grouping and strengthening Mr. Chirac's role as effective leader of the opposition. Lionel Jospin, who became Socialist Party leader after Mr. Mit-

Earth tremors create havoc in Italy

sealed off for fear of collapsing

buildings and hundreds spent the

night in cars and railway carriages.

drinking water to Maratea Mon-

day after the supply was cut. More

than 500 people were forced to

leave their homes in its medieval

Mr. Zamberletti, conscious of

Engineers took 25,000 litres of

terrand ran for the presidency noted the department elections were local and posed no threat to the Socialist absolute majority in parliament, but he added: "The left lost."

Party spokesman attributed the left-wing losses to a failure to get over the message of their political programme of sweeping economic and social reforms, including nationalisation and decentralisation.

Political analysts said the Socialists' toughest problem was likely to be the future of its alliance with the Communist Party, a big loser in the local voting.

The Communist lost 45 council seats, scoring only around 15 per cent of the two-round vote, continuing a trend of waning popularity that began with the rise of the Socialist Party in the early

cue efforts after the 1980 disaster

ded over to Egypt in a week, was when 3,000 died, issued a full offcharged with illegal entry to Israel, icial bulletin listing known damhe said. The Israeli embassy refage in each town and village and used to comment on the report, measures taken to help the homoriginally carried by Egyptian

Across the area people were reported calmer Monday after initial panic when the shocks struck

### the bitter criticism directed at res-Kuala Lumpur announces

KUALA LUMPUR (R) - Mai-

The prime minister, confirming

Three weeks notice has to be

# dissolution of parliament

aysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohammad has announced the dissolution of parliament and said elections would be held next month.

Dr. Mahathir, who took office last July, gave no date for the election, but political observers said it was likely to be held on April 24.

Demonstrations have been beld

ago, discontent has spilled on to

the streets in several protest ral-

Gen. Zia indirectly linked the

unrest to a relaxation in press cen-

sorship. He ended pre-censorship

of newspapers two months ago

and since then they have widely

of a visit to Pakistan's second lar-

gest city, Labore, where 20,000

Speaking to reporters at the end

reported political activities.

widespread speculation that he would hold an early election to get a mandate for his policies, said he would meet the king on Wednesday and parliament would be dissolved on March 29.

given before elections which are held at least once every five years.

month or so is dangerous," he

#### ified by the minister of defence. Pardoned French family to leave

Libya Tuesday

MIDDLE

**EAST** 

NEWS

Israel agrees

to release

**BRIEFS** 

Egyptian prisoner

EGYPT, Cairo (A.P.) - Israel

had given Egypt the names of nine

Egyptian prisoners held in Israeli

jails, and agreed to release one in a

week, a foreign ministry spo-

kesman said on Monday. Egypt

first asked Israel for the names

when the normalisation talks sta-

rted three years ago after signing the peace treaty. He said Israel

finally handed over the list last

week in Tel Aviv, when the Egy-

ptian delegation led by Kamal

Hassan Ali, foreign minister was

there. "As a matter of fact, han-

ding over the list of names is a

positive sign that shows that both

sides are keen that normalisation

is proceeding," the spokesman said, All of the prisoners were jai-

led on non-political issues like

smuggling. One, who is to be han-

Cairo acquits 14

accused of plotting

Sadat's overthrow

CAIRO (A.P.) — A military court

has acquitted 14 army officers

with extremist Muslim beliefs of

the charge of plotting to ove-

rthrow the regime of the late Pre-

sident Anwar Sadat, the defence

attorney in the case said Monday.

Abdul Haleem Ramadan said the

14, led by Maj. Essam Eldin Al

Kumary, were arrested in January

through March. They were acc-

used of forming a secret cell to

replace the constitutional regime

by an Islamic state. Their acquittal

was pronounced by the tribunal

Sunday. The verdicts must be rat-

army officers

PARIS (R) — A French woman and her two sons, pardoned by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi after being sentenced to life imprisonment on espionage charges, have been handed over to the French embassy in Tripoli and will return to Paris Tuesday, officials said on Monday. Col. Qadhafi pardoned Mrs. Denise Dupont and her sons, Alain, 21, and Jean-Claude, 25, last week after they had been found guilty on Feb.!

#### 21 of spying. Gulf to launch solidarity week for Afghanistan

JEDDAH (A.P.) - A week of

solidarity with Afghanistan will be launched in all Gulf Arab countries April 10, it was announced Monday. The announcement was made by Sheikh Ali Mukhtar, secretary general of the Islamic World Council of Mosques. He told the Saudi Press Agency that arrangements for the solidarity week were discussed in visits be made recently to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. The announcement came as Saudi media exhorted the world's Muslims to extend more material aid to Afghan fighters, and to mount a concerted campaign of pressure against the Soviet Union. 'Consolidation of the Afghan freedom fighters must not be limited to donations collected by the Saudi people or given by the Saudi government to Aighan refugets." the government-guided Okaz newspaper said.

#### Ozal holds talks in Damascus

talks here Monday with Syrian government leaders on the Middle East situation and questions of munual interest, official sources said. Mr. Ozal, who arrived here Sunday for a three-day official visit, conferred with Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam and Planning Minister Kamal Sharaf. Mr. Ozal has also had talks with the Syrian deputy premier for eco-nomic affairs, Abdul-Qader Qaddours, on bilateral links in the lields of transport, trade, tourispi and various facets of economic cooperation.

### Zia says demonstrations will not bring elections near

LAHORE (R) - Pakistan's military ruler, President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq, said Sunday night that

d in the country

If elections were held now, Gen. Zia said, there would be a worse crisis than the disturbances that led to the military coup in July 1977 in which he ousted the elected government of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

a dangerous atmosphere had dev-But he said recent unrest would not divert his administration from its timetable for ending martial law and holding general elections.

#### Vietnamese troops continue raids on Kampuchean rebels

tnamese troops, which last week seized a key stronghold of the anti-Communist resistance, are continuing their sweeps against Kampuchean fighters in southwestern Kampuchea, the spokesman for the Thai supreme military command said Monday.

Lt.-Gen. Som Katapan said between 1,500 to 2,000 Vietnamese troops, backed by artillery and tanks, were trying to root out the rebel forces around Sokh San, which was held by the anti-Communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front

The KPNLF is led by one-time Kampuchean Prime Minister Son Sann and is regarded as the strongest of several anti-Communist groups fighting the Vietnamesebacked regime in Phnom Penh.

PEKING (A.P.) — China's ear

liest palace wall murals -- 2,200-

year-old paintings of people hun-

ting and feasting - have been

found in the ruins of a Chin Dyn-

asty palace near Xian, the official

Xinhua news agency reported

Four large sections and many

small fragments of the murals, tot-

alling several hundred square

metres, are still on the walls of a

corridor 32.4 metres long in Xia-

nyang, 15 kilometres northwest of

Xianyang, built in 350 B.C.,

first was the capital of the state of

Chin and then of all China under

Emperor Chin Shih Huang,

China's unifier, it added. The Chin

Dynasty lasted from 221 to 207

B.C., and Xianyang was burned in

It said excavations on the No. 3

206 B.C., Xinhua said.

Xian, Xinhua said.

Monday.

BANGKOK (A.P.) — Vie- Rouge regime are also operating around Sokh San, located about 280 kilometres from Bangkok.

Reliable Western diplomatic sources said Hanoi's troops overran two of the four villages in the rugged the Sokh San stronghold and others were apparently abandoned under pressure. The sourees could not give casualty figures on either side but said the KPNLF guerrillas did not appear to suffer heavily.

The sources said Vietnamese helicopters were sighted in the Sokh San area, either to take out the wounded or to resupply their

Several thousand Kampuchean civilians have fled the scene of fighting into nearby Thai territory and were being treated by Thai Red Cross, supported by several Guerrillas of the ousted Khmer foreign humanitarian groups.

palace site began in 1979.

tures. Xinhua reported.

The murals' hunting scenes

have seven chariots, painted mar-

oon, yellow or black, each pulled

by four horses in a variety of pos-

The chariots match terra cotta

chariots unearthed in 1974, 1976

and 1977 on Chin Shin Huang's

perspective in depicting human

figures and the capturing of facial

expression and gestures, Xinhua

added. It said the murals show

people feasting in pavilions and on

terraces, processions and acr-

state that palace murals were done

in the Shang Dynasty (16th-11th

century B.C.) and in each ensuing

dynasty, but none of these murais

has been discovered so far.

Xinhua said historical records

The painting techniques include

mausoleum grounds, it said.

# BOGOTA — The seizure in the

### China's earliest wall murals found in ruins of Chin palace

unts to emptying the sea with a tea spoon," he told Reuters. Mr. Penen said the drug traders

olved in the drug trade.

seized last week in Miami aboard a Colombian cargo plane was described by U.S. customs officers as the biggest drug haul in U.S. his-

school teachers demonstrated last week for higher pay, he said that neither he nor the press had its own political party. "We will swim and sink together because the atmosphere that

has been created for about one

He said his administration had at some universities in the past no intention of reimposing press month and, for the first time since censorship but journalists should political gatherings and activity were banned two and a half years

reasonable and rational attitude The unrest has come at a critical time for Pakistan, with full U.S. military and economic aid shortly due to resume mainly because of the Soviet presence in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Tension is high with India, Pakistan's other neighbour, after a breakdown in talks about a

no-war pact. Gen. Zia said political parties were mistaken if they thought they could create problems for his government by forming alliances.

He did not rule out a future role for political parties but he said his government would decide when they could benefit the nation.

### Colombia government grapples with formidable drug-traffickers By Luis Carlino

He said the country, was not

ready for elections. He would not

leave Pakistan in a "mess" or

allow anyone in his government to

leave under the present cir-

Zia Ul Haq

United States of a billion-dollar cocaine shipment from Colombia has revealed the existence of a drug industry which dwarfs the Colombian government's law enforcement powers.

Colombia's top narcotics official, Federal Prosecutor Jorge Penen, said the corruption power of drug money and the availability of enormous areas of Colombia for drug cultivation gave the smugglers the upper hand.

"The government's task amo-

had vastly increased their financial power by moving from a selfcontained syndicate structure to organising loose corporations with 'shareholders' not directly inv-

The 1,600 kilogramme cache

Mr. Penen said the haul, which bad a street value of \$1 billion, would have taken at least five months and cost \$25 million, to assemble in the northern city of Medellin, where the plane flew

The cocaine was hidden in 22 cardboard boxes disguised as part of a consignment of clothing for utation in the U.S." one U.S. dip-Miami firms.

Customs Director Rafael Poveda said the magnitude of the operation indicated the involvement of customs agents, Mr. Penen said he was restricted by a vicious circle which prevents

the attorney general's office adopting the U.S. authorities successful methods to trace the drug smugglers cash flow. "Laws on the secrecy of tax returns and bank current accounts require a court order, but there cannot be a court order without an

indictment and the indictment

cannot be obtained without the secret information," he said. U.S. sources said the Washington-backed campaign to destroy Marijuana and coca plantations had been successful, especially on the northern Caribbean

coast of Colombia.

The destruction of about 50 per cent of the coca plantations in the southern region bordering Ecuador did not represent a major setback for the traffickers, who concentrate on the refining of coca paste imported from Peru and Bolivia.

The sources said the Marimberos, as Marijuana traffickers are popularly known here, had also been hit by the U.S. recession, the successful production of firstrate American marijuana and their own greed.

"They tried to increase the weed's weight by spraying it with chemicals and thus lost their replomat said.

The smugglers have countered the search and destroy operations by starting new plantations in the Eastern Plains, a largely uninhabited flat area covering almost one third of Colombia.

The major smugglers can use their Dakota aircraft in this region without building easily-detetable landing strips, Mr. Penen said. "The traffickers are like birds. When the weather gets rough, they emigrate," he added. He said that even with the for-

theoming increase of the narcotics police's helicopter fleet from three to 12, the odds were heavily in the traffickers' favour. Mr. Penen said coca plantations

were also being started, in new effort by the smugglers to increase the local production of paste. Indians in the southern region have chewed coca for centuries. The drug dealers, "first app-

roached the southern region's peasants with offers for them to increase their output, but they have now started whollyindustrial plantations in the Eastern Plains." he added. The only means of destroying

strong resistance in Colombia on health and environmental grounds. A U.S. official said the issue was now frozen because of an unwillingness to raise it in an election year. Colombians will vote in pre-

sidential elections next May 30.

the crops, spraying with the her-

bicide paraquat, has met with

DAMASCUS (R) - Turkish Deputy Premier Turgut Ozal had

#### ting to retrieve them. They carried their own parachutes, which deployed automatically as they fell toward Earth. on its surroundings. cloud then emerged still trailing its

pillar of fire. Eight and a half minutes after

The giant orange-brown fuel tank, which carried 700,000 kil-

BELGRADE (R) — Yugoslav President Sergej Kraigher left Monday for a four-nation tour of Africa that will take him to Gabon, Nigeria, Guinea and Mali. All four countries are members of the Non-Aligned Movement and official sources here said the fortheoming non-aligned summit, scheduled for Baghdad in September, would be the major topic of talks. Iran, involved in an 18-month-old war with Iraq, has objected to holding the summit in the capital of a

**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS** 

Yugoslav president launches African tour

non-aligned country at war with a fellow member. Diplomats here say this could make it difficult for other non-aligned nations to attend. However, Yugoslavia has taken a strong line in favour of the meeting going ahead as planned and President Kraigher is likely to seek assurances from his hosts that they will be in Baghdad, the

### 2 Ethiopians injured in Berlin blast

BERLIN (A.P.) — Two Ethiopians were seriously injured Monday when explosives they were handling exploded in their downtown West Berlin hotel room, police said. One of the Ethiopians lost both hands in the blast and the other suffered serious face and other injuries. The blast caused extensive damage to the hotel and cars parked nearby, officers added. Police said there was no immediate explanation what the unidentified Ethiopians were doing with the explosion. The city's counterintelligence service was called into the case. Officers said they were looking for two dark-haired men who were seen in the hotel hallway shortly before the explosion.

#### U.S. admiral visits New Delhi

NEW DELHI' (A.P.) — Vice Admiral M. Stasser Holcomb, commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, called on Indian Defence Secretary P.K. Kaul here Monday during a brief stopover in the Indian capital. Adm. Holcomb also met separately with Eric Gonsalves, secretary in the external affairs ministry, and Admiral Oscar Stanley Dawson, chief of staff of the Indian Navy. The visits were characterised by both American and Indian spokesmen here as strictly "courtesy calls", by Adm. Holcomb, who is making his first visit to India. The admiral, who is on a swing through the region, arrived here Sunday from Pakistan and was due to depart Tuesday for the

#### Chinese vice premier goes to Pakistan

PEKING (A.P.) — Chinese Vice Premier Ji Pengfei left Monday for Pakistan to discuss international issues and bilateral relations with Pakistani leaders, the official Xinhua news agency reported. Mr. Ji, accompanied by Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong and Armed Forces Deputy Chief-of-Staff Zhang Zhen, will attend Pakistan's National Day celebrations, Xinhua said.

ROME (A.P.) - Greek President Constantine Karamanlis will pay a

state visit to Italy April 5-7 at the invitation of President Sandro

Karamanlis to visit Italy, Vatican

Pertini, the Italian government announced Monday. The Vatican also announced that Pope John Paul II will receive Mr. Karamanlis in a private audience April 7. U.S. woman arrested with heroin in Delhi NEW DELHI (A.P.) - Customs agents at New Delhi airport seized heroin valued at more than 300,000 rupees (\$33,000) from an American woman as she prepared to board a flight for Europe, authorities said Monday. Police found 168 grammes of heroin concealed in the bra of a woman identified as Judy Gayle Fehan, about 30, of New Jersey. The discovery was made during a routine physical search while she was going through airport security checks Sunday night, Deputy Police Commissioner T.R. Kakkar said. The woman also had a second American passport in the name of Belinda Brown and was

carrying \$4,000 in cash, police said. Her hometown and other details

#### Oldest hippo in captivity dies

were not immediately available.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (A.P.) — Pete the hippopotamus, the oldest resident of the Columbus zoo and one of the oldest hippos in captivity, has died at the age of 44, the zoo announced. "It's not a shock," zoo Director Jack Hanna said of the weekend death. "It's something we expected." Pete, who was 11/2 when brought to the zoo from Egypt in 1939, was one of the oldest hippopotamuses in captivity, Mr. Hanna said. He said hippos are old at 25 and that few live to be as old as Pete. Mr. Hanna said another of the zoo's hippos, Cleo, misses her mate. "She's not herself. They were inseparable," he said. "She knows something's wrong."